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OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

White River Annual Conference

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH. SOUTH.

HELD AT

Clarendon, Arkansas,

DECEMBER 1--5, 1898.

BISHOP H. C. MORRISON, D. D. PRESIDENT.
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ROLL OF MEMBERS, 1898,

.....AND.....

DATE OF ADMISSION.

Robert G. Brittain	1848	R. C. Morehead	1891
George A. Dannelly	1852	F. Barrett	1892
Henry T. Gregory	1866	I. B. Manly	1892
John H. Dye	1867	N. E. Gardner	1892
Wm. M. Watson	1867	H. E. May	1892
Wm. R. Foster	1871	W. D. Ellis	1892
John F. Armstrong	1871	E. N. Bickley	1892
James M. Talkington	1873	H. C. Edmondson	1892
Jeff J. Alexander	1873	Sidney H. Babcock	1893
Zachary T. Bennett	1876	Fay C. Sterling	1893
James F. Jernigan	1876	Thomas A. Bowen	1893
Frank Ritter	1876	Wilton C. Toombs	1893
Samuel L. Cochran	1876	W. F. Walker	1894
Milton B. Umsted	1876	J. B. McDonald	1894
Alonzo C. Griffin	1877	J. K. Farris	1894
Nicholas E. Skinner	1879	A. E. Holloway	1894
Matthew M. Smith	1879	W. C. Davidson	1894
Franklin R. Noe	1881	A. F. Skinner	1895
Joseph S. Brooke	1882	W. E. Hall	1895
John C. Ritter	1882	J. M. Thrasher	1896
Stephen W. Register	1882	W. B. Roe	1896
Wm. W. Anderson	1883	E. N. Pitts	1896
Francis A. Jeffett	1883	George Wilkerson	1896
Stephen D. Evans	1884	W. B. Ricks	1896
John I. Maynard	1885	Fred Little	1896
James R. Edwards	1885	H. H. Hunt	1896
James D. Rutledge	1885	H. B. Cox	1896
Alex M. R. Branson	1886	T. J. Taylor	1897
Wm. A. Pendergrass	1886	J. W. Harper	1897
Thomas J. Settle	1887	G. G. Davidson	1897
Robert H. Grissett	1888	J. M. Williams	1897
Prentis B. Wallis	1888	T. W. Fisackerly	1897
Thomas B. Williamson	1888	A. H. Williams	1897
Ellison M. Davis	1888	W. M. Wilson	1898
Wilson W. Hendrix	1888	W. P. Talkington	1898
Francis M. Smith	1889	K. R. Durham	1898
Richard M. Manly	1889	Z. D. Lindzey	1898
John Eidson	1889	E. H. Wallace	1898
William E. Bishop	1890	W. S. Southworth	1898
S. F. Brown	1890	R. A. Holloway	1898
Luther C. Craig	1890	W. B. Hays	1898
A. C. Graham	1891	J. B. New	1898

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FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 1898.

THE WHITE RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its twenty-ninth session in the M. E. Church, South, in the city of Clarendon, Ark., at 9 a. m., Dec. 1st, 1898, Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding and conducting the opening religious services.

Z. T. Bennett, secretary of the Conference at its last session, called the roll, and the following named members and delegates answered to their names:

Members—W. W. Anderson, J. F. Armstrong, Frank Barrett, Z. T. Bennett, E. N. Bickley, W. E. Bishop, T. A. Bowen, A. M. R. Branson, R. G. Brittain, J. S. Brooke, J. C. Brown, S. F. Brown, S. L. Cochran, H. B. Cox, L. C. Craig, E. M. Davis, G. G. Davidson, W. C. Davidson, J. H. Dye, John Eidson, S. D. Evans, J. K. Farris, T. W. Fisackerly, W. R. Foster, N. E. Gardner, A. C. Graham, H. T. Gregory, A. C. Griffin, R. H. Grissett, W. E. Hall, J. W. Harper, A. E. Holloway, H. H. Hunt, F. A. Jeffett, J. F. Jernigan, Fred Little, I. B. Manly, H. E. May, J. I. Maynard, J. B. McDonald, R. C. Morehead, F. R. Noe, W. A. Pendergrass, E. N. Pitts, W. B. Ricks, W. B. Roe, A. F. Skinner, N. E. Skinner, M. M. Smith, F. C. Sterling, J. M. Talkington, T. J. Taylor, W. C. Toombs, M. B. Umsted, P. B. Wallis, W. F. Walker, W. M. Watson, A. H. Williams, T. B. Williamson, George Willkerson.

Delegates—Helena District: R. R. James, R. B. Macon. Newport District: ————. Batesville District: F. E. Hall, F. C. Gilstrap. Searcy District: D. H. Clark. Jonesboro District: Geo. W. Culberhouse.

Z. T. Bennett was re-elected Secretary, and upon his nomination L. C. Craig, F. M. Daniel and W. H. Culp were elected Assistant Secretaries.

On nomination of the Presiding Elders, the following standing committees were elected:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. H. Dye, R. C. Morehead and A. G. Carter.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—W. A. Pendergrass, J. M. Talkington, Dr. Z. T. Bennett, I. B. Manly, P. B. Wallis and A. H. Williams.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS—A. F. Skinner, R. B. Macon, T. A. Bowen, E. Gilstrap and L. D. Rozell.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—J. B. McDonald, M. M. Smith, W. M. Wilson, W. F. Walker and Geo. G. Davidson.

EPWORTH LEAGUES—Frank Barrett, J. H. Clark, R. F. Drummond, Joel E. Wynne and J. W. Harper.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH—A. E. Holloway, D. H. Clark, W. E. Hall, H. E. May and A. L. Malone.

MEMOIRS—A. C. Graham, W. W. Anderson, E. N. Pitts, T. J. Taylor and H. B. Cox.

BIBLE CAUSE—J. K. Farris, S. F. Brown, S. W. Register, H. F. Harvey and H. S. Trice.

TEMPERANCE—W. B. Ricks, R. G. Brittain, A. C. Graham, W. C. Toombs and Geo. W. Culberhouse.

ON ADMISSION—W. W. Anderson, M. B. Umsted, F. R. Noe, N. E. Skinner and Fred Little.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the fourth window from the pulpit, and the Conference voted to meet at 9:45 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m.

Communications from the Publishing House, Board of Missions, Sunday School Board, Vanderbilt University, and Secretary of Epworth League Board, were read and referred to their respective Conference Boards.

Communication from the Secretary of Board of Education was referred to the Conference Board without reading.

Revs. Dr. Andrew Hunter, James Thomas, R. H. Poynter and J. M. Workman, of Little Rock Conference; W. N. Gibson and R. A. Robinson, of the St. Louis Conference; F. S. H. Johnston of Arkansas Conference; R. A. Holloway, transferred from the Florida Conference; James New, transferred from Memphis Conference—were introduced to the Conference.

Under Question 20 the names of J. C. Ritter, J. J. Alexander, J. D. Rutledge, R. M. Manly, T. J. Settle and F. Ritter, were called, their characters passed, and on motion their names were referred to the committee on Conference Relations, to be continued in the superannuated relation.

G. A. Dannelly's name was called, his character passed, a letter from him was read to the Conference, a collection amounting to \$21.01 was raised for him, and his name was referred to the committee on Conference Relation for the superannuated relation.

W. R. Foster's character passed and he asked to be given an appointment.

R. G. Brittain's character passed and his name was referred to the Committee on Conference relations for the superannuated relation.

J. S. Watson's character passed and the Bishop announced that he had been transferred to the St. Louis Conference.

Dr. Atkins, Sunday School Secretary, and Dr. J. D. Hammond, Secretary Board of Education, were introduced to the Conference and addressed the body in behalf of the respective interests which they represent.

A communication from the Anti-Saloon League was, without reading, referred to the Committee on Temperance, and a report from A. C. Millar, President of Hendrix College, was referred to the Conference Board of Education without reading.

Committee on Public Worship announced that Rev. James Thomas would preach at the Methodist church at 3 p. m., and at night there would be a Missionary Anniversary addressed by Dr. A. P. Parker and Bishop Morrison.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Andrew Hunter.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 1898.

Conference was called to order by Bishop Morrison, at 8:45 a. m., and the opening religious services were conducted by W. R. Foster.

The roll was called and the following members and delegates answered to their names: *Members*—H. C. Edmondson and George Wilkerson; *Delegates*—F. M. Daniel and W. H. Culp, alternate from Newport District; R. M. Henderson, from Helena District.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

Revs. A. Turrentine, J. R. Cason and J. W. White, of the Little Rock Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

A communication was read from Rev. F. E. Taylor, recently transferred from this to the Missouri Conference.

Under Question 20, character of W. W. Hendrix was passed, and he was continued in supernumerary relation.

Under Question 1, William F. Rhew from Searcy District, Charles Henry Newman and John David Kelly from the Batesville District, stood approved examinations and were admitted on trial.

A communication from the Secretary of Board of Church Extension was read and referred to Conference Board.

Under Question 3, W. R. McAlister was discontinued at his own request.

Under Question 2, A. E. Horton and C. L. Castleberry reported their charges, their characters passed, but not having been before the committee, they were continued in the class of the First year.

Under Question 4, Willie M. Wilson, W. P. Talkington, Keener R. Durham, Zebedie D. Lindzey reported their charges, their characters were passed, their examinations were approved and they were elected to Deacon's orders—except W. M. Wilson and Z. D. Lindzey, who are already Deacons. James T. Seaton, W. M. Findley and W. W. Gibson were not before the committee, their characters passed, their charges were reported and they were continued in the class of the First year.

E. M. Davis, H. H. Hunt and G. G. Davidson reported their charges, stood approved examinations, their characters were passed, and they were advanced to the class of the Fourth year.

Under Question 7, Thomas J. Taylor, John W. Harper and James M. Williams reported their charges, their characters passed; they were not before the committee, and were continued in the class of the Third year.

T. W. Fisackerly, W. B. Roe, E. N. Pitts and George Wilkerson reported their charges, their characters passed; not being before the committee they were continued in the class of the Fourth year.

W. B. Ricks, Fred Little, W. E. Hall, H. E. May, E. N. Bickley, W. C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald and T. A. Bowen reported their charges, their characters passed, their examinations were approved, and they were elected to Elders' orders.

Under Question 5, W. S. Southworth, recommended by Batesville District Conference, was re-admitted.

Bishop Morrison announced 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow as the time for receiving the class for admission into full connection.

Under Question 20, J. H. Dye, W. C. Davidson, S. L. Cochran, J. S. Brooke, J. I. Maynard, J. C. Brown, Z. T. Bennett, F. C. Sterling, S. D. Evans, W. W. Anderson, A. E. Holloway, N. E. Gardner, A. M. R. Branson, A. C. Graham, J. K. Farris, Frank Barrett, John Eidson, H. B. Cox, F. A. Jeffett, W. M. Watson, L. C. Craig, T. B. Williamson, P. B. Wallis, A. C. Griffin, M. M. Smith, A. H. Williams, J. F. Armstrong, W. A. Pendergrass, R. G. Brittain, H. T. Gregory, M. B. Umsted, A. F. Skinner, S. F. Brown, J. M. Talkington, N. E. Skinner, R. H. Grissett, I. B. Manly, W. F. Walker, F. R. Noe, W. E. Bishop, N. E. Gardner, R. C. Morehead, R. A. Holloway, J. F. Jernigan, reported their charges and their characters were passed.

J. M. Thrasher, J. R. Edwards, W. D. Ellis, S. W. Register, and F. M. Smith were absent, but their charges were reported and their characters passed. The characters of F. E. Taylor and J. D. Sibert, transferred, and of S. H. Babcock, Chaplain in the U. S. Army, were passed.

J. M. Watson's Character passed, and he was located at his own request.

A motion to authorize the Secretary to have the Minutes printed as early as possible and at least within four weeks, and that the Conference Boards make up the deficit for printing, was laid on the table for the time.

The following resolution was read by W. B. Ricks, and after a brief address by Rev. J. R. Cason of the Little Rock Conference, the Conference voted to appoint a committee from this Conference:

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Conference at its recent session appointed a committee of three to act with like committees from the Arkansas and White River Conferences for the purpose of organizing a Board of Trustees to represent the Methodism of this State in providing for orphans; therefore be it

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with this movement and that we request the Bishop to appoint a committee of three to represent this Conference in the constitution of said Board of Trustees.

W. B. RICKS,
W. M. WATSON,
J. H. DYE.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that Rev. E. H. Tabor would preach at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church, and that the Church Extension Anniversary would be held to-night.

The usual announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Z. T. Bennett.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 1898.

Bishop Morrison called the Conference to order at 8:45 a. m. and Dr. Andrew Hunter conducted the opening religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Under Question 4, E. H. Wallace reported his work, his examination was approved and he was elected to Deacons' orders.

A communication from Rev. M. B. Corrigan, now of Little Rock Conference, stating that he had lost his credentials and asking for a duplicate, was read. On motion Conference granted the duplicate.

Under Question 18, W. R. Foster's name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

Under Question 10, Charles Henry Newman, William Richard Albright, recommended by the Batesville District Conference, were elected to Deacons' orders.

Under Question 14, William Taylor Atkinson, recommended by the Batesville District Conference, was elected to Elders' orders.

Under Question 19, What preachers have died during the year? None.

Under Question 6, R. H. Holloway, from the Florida Conference, W. B. Hays, from the Arkansas Conference, and J. B. New from the Memphis Conference, were announced as transferred to the White River Conference.

Under Question 1, John Thomas Self, recommended by the Union City District, Memphis Conference, stood approved examination and was admitted on trial.

The time for receiving the class for admission into full connection having arrived, Bishop Morrison called W. M. Wilson, W. P. Talkington, Keener R. Durham, Z. D. Lindzey, and E. H. Wallace to the chancel, propounded to them the usual disciplinary questions, and after addressing them in a most felicitous and appropriate manner, they were admitted into full connection.

The Statistical Secretary read his report, which was adopted.

Bishop Morrison asked for a statement from the Presiding Elders as to the work of the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies, and they made encouraging reports from their several Districts.

Bishop Morrison made an urgent and eloquent appeal to the Conference in behalf of these societies; also in behalf of the circulation of the Church Papers, notably the Nashville Advocate and our own Conference organ.

M. M. Smith made a few brief remarks concerning the Woman's Home Mission Society.

The president announced W. B. Ricks, M. M. Smith and H. B. Cox as the Committee on the Board of Trustees to provide for orphans.

Fred Little, W. M. Wilson and R. M. Henderson were appointed on the Epworth League Board.

The following resolution was read by J. S. Brooke:

WHEREAS, several of the preachers filling charges in the bounds of our Con-

ference have not received anything like the amount of one hundred dollars each for their labors; therefore be it

RESOLVED by this Conference, that a collection be taken at a proper time to be divided among such brethren.

S. L. COCHRAN,
J. S. BROOKE.

On motion, to-morrow at the 11 o'clock service at the Methodist church, was selected as the time for the above mentioned collection.

Revs. A. C. Millar, president of the Hendrix College, and R. W. McKay of the Little Rock Conference, were introduced to the Conference. Bro. McKay then addressed the Conference in behalf of the Little Rock Conference Training School at Fordyce, and President Millar made an address in behalf of Hendrix College.

Under Question 45, Searcy was selected as the place for the next session of the Conference.

The resolution touching the printing of the minutes, which was laid on the table yesterday, was taken up. A substitute was offered and adopted and a collection was taken to make out the balance, amounting, in two efforts, to \$20.92.

The time of adjournment was extended by vote of Conference.

Conference voted to meet at 3 p. m. this afternoon, and the Bishop appointed Dr. J. H. Dye to preside at the afternoon session.

Committee on Public Worship announced that the Educational Mass-Meeting would be held to-night, addressed by Revs. C. C. Godden, J. C. Brown and others.

Various announcements were made, and on motion Conference adjourned with benediction by W. R. Foster.

AFTERNOON SESSION, DEC. 3, 1898.

Pursuant to adjournment, Conference was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m. with Dr. J. H. Dye in the chair. Rev. C. C. Godden conducted the opening religious services.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following resolution from the Board of Missions was read.

Resolved, by the Board of Missions of the White River Conference, that there be no mission charges in the bounds of said Conference for the year 1899, but that an assessment of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) be made for preachers serving mission charges in the year 1900.

S. L. COCHRAN, President,
W. B. RICKS, Secretary.

J. S. Brooke offered to amend the resolution by inserting "that there be as few missions next year as possible," instead of the clause "there be no mission charges

next year." The amendment failed to carry: the original motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

The Board of Church Extension made its report, which was read and adopted.

The report of the Trustees of Galloway College was read. Rev. C. C. Godden, President of Galloway Collège, made a few remarks and introduced Hon. J. T. Hicks, who addressed the Conference in behalf of Galloway College, and by a rising vote, the preachers promised to assist in re-building the College.

Rev. E. M. Pipkin, of Little Rock Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Committee on Public Worship announced services for to-morrow as follows;

At Methodist Church—9 a. m., Love Feast, led by Dr. Andrew Hunter; 11 a. m., Sermon by Bishop Morrison and ordination of Deacons; 3 p. m., Sermon by Dr. J. C. Brown, and ordination of Elders; 7:15 p. m., Sermon by Dr. A. P. Parker.

At Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Sermon by Dr. J. E. Godbey; 7:15 p. m., Sermon by Rev. Frank Barrett.

At Cumberland Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Sermon by Rev. E. M. Pipkin; 7:15 p. m., Sermon by Rev. F. A. Jeffett.

At Baptist Church (Colored)—11 a. m., Sermon by Rev. W. B. Ricks: 7:15 p. m., Sermon by Rev. A. M. R. Branson.

At C. M. E. Church—11 a. m., Sermon by Rev. Fred Little; 7:15 p. m. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Jernigan.

The usual announcements were made and Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. J. E. Godbey.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, DEC. 5, 1893.

Conference met at 8:45 a. m., Bishop Morrison in the chair, and R. G. Brittain conducted the opening religious services.

Minutes of the session Saturday afternoon were read and approved.

Dr. A. P. Parker briefly addressed the Conference on business for Mission Rooms.

Under Question 1, S. H. Blackwell from the Brownsville District and A. C. Cloyce from the Paducah District, Memphis Conference, were admitted on trial.

Under Question 20, Thomas Whitaker's name was called, and on motion Conference voted instructions to his Presiding Elder to accept his credentials.

Under Question 10, W. B. Harper, recommended by Helena District Conference, was elected to Deacon's orders.

On motion Conference voted to issue to J. E. Buchanan duplicate of credentials lost.

Report of Sunday School Board was read and adopted.

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to apportion the collection raised yesterday for needy preachers on circuits.

Report of the committee on Spiritual State of the Church was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Books and Periodicals was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Bible cause was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Conference Relations was read and, after amendment, was adopted.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted.

Report of the Board of Education was read and adopted.

Report of the Board of Missions was read and adopted.

Motion to reconsider resolution adopted from Board of Missions, against mission charges next year, failed.

M. M. Smith read a resolution especially commending Miss Steele, Lady Principal of Galloway College, for her very efficient work, particularly when the College was burned.

Bishop Morrison announced the following ordinations:

After the sermon at the Methodist church, at 11 o'clock Sunday, the following brethren were ordained Deacons: E. H. Wallace, W. P. Talkington, K. R. Durham, C. H. Newman and W. R. Albright. Drs. Andrew Hunter and Z. T. Bennett read the lessons.

After sermon at 3 o'clock by Dr. J. C. Brown, the following were ordained Elders: W. B. Ricks, Fred Little, W. E. Hall, H. E. May, E. N. Bickley, W. C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald and T. A. Bowen. The lessons were read by Revs. J. I. Maynard and S. L. Cochran and Drs. Andrew Hunter, J. E. Godbey, A. P. Parker and J. H. Dye assisted in the laying-on of hands.

Bishop Morrison announced and the Secretary read an *Appeal for Decision* and his ruling thereon. (See Appendix).

Report on Epworth Leagues was read and adopted.

Report of committee on District Conference Journals was read and adopted.

The Bishop presented list of Standing Committees, recommended by the Presiding Elders, for the next quadrennium, and they were adopted.

W. B. Ricks read the following

RESOLUTION.

We, the undersigned members of the White River Conference, wish to submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the collecting of the War Claim by our Book Agents has involved methods which we, as Christians and members of the M. E. Church, South, cannot endorse, and

WHEREAS, without sitting in judgment upon the purity of the motives of those who prosecuted the claim, we feel it our duty to repudiate said methods, and that so long as we retain the money and the Book Agents retain their position we will be understood as endorsing the same; therefore be it

Resolved, that the White River Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, endorses the deliverance of our Bishops and pledges hearty support to them in their efforts to carry out that purpose; and we request the retirement from office of said Book Agents.

FRED LITTLE,	A. E. HOLLOWAY,
J. K. FARRIS,	M. B. UMSTED,
J. M. TALKINGTON,	W. B. RICKS,
J. F. JERNIGAN,	W. C. DAVIDSON,
J. B. McDONALD,	R. F. DRUMMOND.

After voting down a motion to table, and then another motion to amend the resolution, the Conference adopted it as presented.

Frank Barrett was added to the Committee on Admission, instead of W. W. Anderson, and W. B. Hays instead of Fred Little on same committee.

M. M. Smilh presented resolutions of thanks, which were adopted by a rising vote. (See following).

A collection for the pages was taken, amounting to \$5.75.

W. C. Davidson presented and the Conference adopted a paper on examinations under the Course of Study.

The Bishop announced the Joint Board of Finance and Visiting Committees.

Minutes of this morning session were read and approved.

After the Conference sang hymn 219, Dr. J. E. Godbey led in prayer, and then Bishop Morrison with appropriate remarks read the appointments of the preachers and pronounced the benediction.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

I. That the sincere thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered to the good people of Clarendon, for their generous hospitality in the entertainment of the present session of our Conference, for which we will hold them in grateful remembrance, ever praying God's richest blessings upon them.

II. That we are under lasting obligations to the pastor, Rev. R. C. Morehead, for the ample provision made for our comfort and convenience, and his constant and unremitting attention to our every want while here.

III. That we most heartily and sincerely thank Dr. Z. T. Bennett and his faithful and efficient assistants, Bros. L. C. Craig, F. M. Daniels and W. H. Culp, for the eminently satisfactory work they have rendered us as secretaries.

IV. That we tender our grateful thanks to the various lines of railroads which have given us reduced fare.

V. That the thanks of this body are tendered the faithful sexton and pages for their faithful work.

VI. That the thanks of this Conference are due and tendered to Judge J. M. Chaplin for adjourning the Circuit Court in deference to the Conference.

M. M. SMITH,

F. A. JEFFETT.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

1. Who are admitted on trial? William F. Rhew, Charles H. Newman, John D. Kelley, John T. Self, S. H. Blackwell, A. C. Cloyce.

2. Who remain on trial? A. E. Horton, C. L. Castlebery, James T. Seaton, W. M. Findley, W. W. Gibson.

3. Who are discontinued? W. R. McAlister, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? W. M. Wilson, W. P. Talkington, Keener R. Durham, Z. D. Lindzey, E. H. Wallace.

5. Who are re-admitted? W. S. Southworth.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? R. A. Holloway from Florida Conference, W. B. Hays from Arkansas Conference and J. B. New from Memphis Conference.

7. Who are the deacons of one year? E. M. Davis, T. W. Fisackerly, H. H. Hunt, E. N. Pitts, T. J. Taylor, J. M. Williams, J. W. Harper, G. G. Davidson, W. B. Roe, George Wilkerson.

8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? E. H. Wallace, W. P. Talkington, Keener R. Durham.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? E. H. Wallace, W. P. Talkington, K. R. Durham.

10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Charles Henry Newman, William Richard Albright, W. B. Harper.

11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? C. H. Newman, W. R. Albright.

12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? W. B. Ricks, Fred Little, W. E. Hall, H. E. May, E. N. Bickley, W. C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald, T. A. Bowen.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? W. B. Ricks, Fred Little, W. E. Hall, H. E. May, E. N. Bickley, W. C. Toombs, J. B. McDonald, T. A. Bowen.

14. What local preachers are elected elders? William Taylor Atkinson.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

16. Who are located this year? J. W. Watson, at his own request.

17. Who are supernumerary? W. W. Hendrix, J. D. Rutledge.

18. Who are superannuated? J. J. Alexander, J. C. Ritter, G. A. Dannelly, R. M. Manly, T. J. Settle, W. R. Foster, R. G. Brittain, Frank Ritter.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 125; members, 23,140; total, 23,265. Loss, 2,675.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 347.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 469.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 45.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1,358.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 223.

27. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 1,448.

28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 11,469.

29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,130.36, applied to Claimants.

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$2,268.21; domestic, \$1,093.63.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$305.54.

33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$43.95.

34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$4,141.93; preachers in charge, \$29,772.81.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$601.58.

36. What is the number of societies, and houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 366; number of houses of worship, 243.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$209,307; indebtedness, \$.....

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges,; number of parsonages, 62.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$33,779.38; indebtedness, \$.....

40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 5; number of district parsonages, 2.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$.....; indebtedness, \$.....

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged,; amount of damage, \$.....

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$.....; losses sustained, \$.....; premiums paid, \$.....; collections on losses, \$.....

44. What are the educational statistics?

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Searcy, Arkansas.

46. Where are the preachers situated this year? See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

HELENA DISTRICT.

J. H. DYE, P. E.

Helena Station.....	To be supplied
La Grange Circuit.....	F. C. Sterling
Marianna Station.....	Z. T. Bennett
Oak Forest Circuit.....	S. D. Evans
Haynes Circuit.....	W. W. Anderson
Wheatley Circuit.....	I. B. Manly
Taylor's Creek Circuit.....	J. W. Harper
Wynne and Vannale.....	H. B. Cox
McCrary Circuit.....	W. C. Toombs
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	A. C. Graham
Brinkley Circuit.....	W. F. Rhew
Cypress Ridge Circuit.....	H. C. Edmondson
Clarendon Station.....	R. C. Morehead
Holly Grove and Marvel.....	J. K. Farris
Turner Circuit.....	To be supplied
Forrest City Station.....	W. C. Davidson

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

J. F. JERNIGAN, P. E.

Jonesboro Station.....	Frank Barrett
Nettleton and Second Church.....	Z. D. Lindzey
Harrisburg Circuit.....	E. N. Bickley
Cherry Valley Circuit.....	T. B. Williamson
Marion Circuit.....	A. M. R. Branson
Crawfordsville Circuit.....	G. G. Davidson
Marked Tree Circuit.....	J. T. Seaton
Golden Lake Circuit.....	E. H. Wallace
Osceola Station.....	Fred Little
Luxora Circuit.....	S. F. Brown
Blythesville Circuit.....	J. T. Self
Shiloh Circuit.....	A. C. Griffin
Trinity Circuit.....	John Eidson
Lorado Circuit.....	W. P. Talkington
Paragould Station.....	F. A. Jeffett
Paragould Circuit.....	W. M. Watson
Boydsville Circuit.....	W. B. Roe
St. Francis Circuit.....	J. B. McDonald
Buffalo Island Circuit.....	Supplied by J. Wilson
Big Bay Circuit.....	J. B. New

SEARCY DISTRICT.

A. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Searcy Station.....	M. M. Smith
West Searcy Circuit.....	N. E. Gardner
Augusta Station.....	S. L. Cochran
Bald Knob Circuit.....	H. H. Hunt
West Point Circuit.....	H. T. Gregory
Beebe and Lebanon.....	W. B. Hays
Cabot Circuit.....	W. A. Pendergrass
Argenta Station.....	M. B. Umsted
Mineral Circuit.....	Geo. Wilkerson
Auvergne and Weldon.....	K. R. Durham
Union and Revel Circuit.....	A. F. Skinner
Mt. Pisgah Circuit.....	S. H. Blackwell
Stony Point Circuit.....	E. N. Pitts
El Paso Circuit.....	E. M. Davis

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

J. I. MAYNARD, P. E.

Newport Station.....	W. B. Ricks
Tuckerman Circuit.....	P. B. Wallis
Jacksonport Circuit.....	J. R. Edwards
Oil Trough Circuit.....	J. M. Thrasher
Alicia Circuit.....	J. M. Williams
Walnut Ridge and Corning.....	J. M. Talkington
Knobel Circuit.....	A. C. Cloyce

Reyno Circuit.....	H. E. May
Siloam Circuit.....	W. S. Southworth
Pocahontas Circuit.....	T. A. Bowen
Walnut Hill Circuit.....	T. W. Fisackerly
Black Rock and Imboden.....	W. M. Wilson
Smithville Circuit.....	W. D. Ellis
Mammoth Spring Station.....	N. E. Skinner
Portia Circuit.....	Supplied by J. K. Pope
Powhatan and Portia.....	W. M. Findley
Gainesville Circuit.....	L. C. Craig
Missionary Secretary, W. B. Ricks	

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

A. E. HOLLOWAY, P. E.

Batesville Station.....	R. A. Holloway
West Batesville.....	F. M. Smith
Sulphur Rock Circuit.....	J. S. Brooke
Evening Shade and Melbourne.....	W. F. Walker
La Crosse Circuit.....	F. R. Noe
Evening Shade Circuit.....	C. L. Castlebery
Ash Flat Circuit.....	A. E. Horton
Calamine Circuit.....	T. J. Taylor
Camp Circuit.....	J. D. Kelly
Salem Circuit.....	W. E. Hall
Viola Circuit.....	J. F. Armstrong
Iuka Circuit.....	Supplied by R. C. Bland
Mt View Circuit.....	C. H. Newman
Cedar Grove Circuit.....	R. H. Grissett
Jamestown Circuit.....	W. E. Bishop
Cushman Circuit.....	S. W. Register
Newberg Circuit.....	W. W. Gibson
Chaplain 2nd Ark. U. S. V., S. H. Babcock.	

Transferred—J. C. Brown to Little Rock Conference and stationed at Central Avenue Church, Hot Springs.

APPENDICES.

ON EXAMINATIONS.

The Course of Study prescribed by the Bishops for our young men is a necessity in their equipment for the ministry. They should be made to feel this fact. But there is perhaps no better way of accomplishing this end than by enforcing that provision of the Discipline which requires *satisfactory* examinations upon the Course of Study. This is not being done. Our examinations are too carelessly arranged and conducted. They are defective; in some instances they are a mere farce. Let this be said no longer to the shameful discredit of the White River Conference. Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That our examining committees be required to read and prepare the Course of Study themselves. A committee cannot examine others in books which it has not even read itself.

2. That we recommend written examinations as far as possible, and that undergraduates be required to answer, upon an average, 65 per cent. of questions asked, or not be permitted to pass.

3. That Presiding Elders in carrying out ¶115, Sec. 3, Chap. 2 of the Discipline be required to aid undergraduates in arranging their course of study, and to render them all possible assistance in its prosecution.

4. That examining committees make beforehand specific arrangements as to time and place for conducting examinations, and thus prevent confusion and delay.

JULIEN C. BROWN,
W. C. DAVIDSON.

APPEAL FOR DECISION ON CASE OF W. J. NEWTON.

W. J. Newton, sometime in the year 1893, took a certificate of his official standing as a Local Deacon in the Buffalo Island Quarterly Conference, Jonesboro District, White River Conference, M. E. Church, South.

With this certificate he presented himself for membership in the Brookland Quarterly Conference of the same district, August 15th, 1894, after the lapse of more than six months.

Having given to the Quarterly Conference what in their judgment was satisfactory reasons why he had not presented his certificate sooner, he was recognized and received as a Local Deacon, by a unanimous vote.

At this 3d Quarterly Conference of said Brookland Circuit for the year 1894, the Presiding Elder being absent, the Preacher in charge presided.

At the 4th Quarterly Conference of Brookland Circuit, when question 16—"Have the local preachers and exhorters passed an examination of character and have their licenses been renewed?"—was called, the said W. J. Newton was called to make his report and the Presiding Elder "ruled that he was no preacher, no Local Deacon."

1. Was the Presiding Elder's ruling correct?
2. If not, what relation does W. J. Newton sustain to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?

J. T. SEATON,
W. C. DAVIDSON.

1. The Presiding Elder's ruling was incorrect.
2. The party ruled against sustains the same relation as before said ruling, provided his life has continued in harmony with that relation.

H. C. MORRISON.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Your Board of Education would respectfully submit the following report:

We are very glad, indeed, to have had with us, Dr. J. D. Hammond, the worthy and able Corresponding Secretary. His lectures and talks have been interesting and instructive. A communication from him indicates progress in educational interests throughout the bounds of our Church.

The Board is now well established, with a well defined policy, and in excellent working condition, with definite objects before it. They should have the sympathy and co-operation of the whole Church in their efforts to correlate the various institutions of learning, so that there may be greater unity of effort and uniformity of operation, which would doubtless result in rapid and permanent progress.

HAYGOOD MEMORIAL HALL.

With pleasure we note that the work is nearing completion, and would urge upon all who have subscribed to this noble enterprise to pay said subscriptions at the earliest possible date.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

It is gratifying to note the continued prosperity of this very important institution of learning, especially the Biblical Department, and as it has now become the property of the entire Church, and its government is under the control of the General Conference, we would recommend—

- 1st. That the Conference pledge it such help as it may at any time be able to render.

2d. That the Conference co-operate with General Board of Education who have the special work of strengthening the University in whatever feasible plans they may adopt.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Your Board would urge the universal observance of Children's Day, and request that special emphasis be placed upon Christian Education.

COLLECTIONS.

We would suggest that the pastors give all diligence to collect in full all educational assessments, and that the first Sunday in May be set apart as a day for preaching a Special Sermon on Education, as required by the Discipline, and for taking the collection for the cause of education.

HENDRIX COLLEGE.

There are two things especially gratifying in reference to the present condition of this noble Institution—

1st. The satisfactory character of the work done by the Faculty, and the increased patronage and good deportment of the students. From President A. C. Millar we gather these facts and figures: For the session ending June the 8th, 1898, the enrollment was 160, as follows: Men, 141; women, 19. Resident, 38; non-resident, 122. Ministerial, 23; minister's children, 10.

2d. The good prospects of the speedy payment of the debt that has so long embarrassed the College. The Church in Arkansas owes Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, Financial Agent, and his faithful and efficient assistant, Rev. E. A. Tabor, a debt of lasting gratitude for what they have done in providing for the payment of this debt and the way in which it was done. We endorse the re-appointment of Rev. F. S. H. Johnston as Financial Agent. The Board recommends the re-election of M. M. Smith as Trustee.

ACADEMIES.

As the people of Imboden, a thrifty town of 500 population in Lawrence county, have made partial arrangements to offer a 15 acre campus and \$10,000 cash for an Academy to be located at that place, and as Imboden is a proper location for an Academy, we therefore recommend that this Conference accept the proposition and authorize the College Trustees to establish the Academy when the people of Imboden have consummated the arrangements and made to them a legal tender of campus and money.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered to the people of Imboden for their generous and liberal offer.

Resolved, That the trustees be and are hereby authorized to continue to locate Academies, as they have opportunities, at suitable places.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

It is a just cause for profound gratitude that this noble institution of learning

enjoyed such great prosperity during the scholastic year ending last May. The enrollment was good; the deportment of the student body was excellent; the faculty faithful and competent; the President, Dr. C. C. Godden, wise in council and management; the lady principal, Miss Steel, a consecrated Christian, and devoted to her work. Such conditions insure good results, and we are not surprised that the Board of Trustees should be able to make the following good report:

"The financial prosperity of Galloway College is commensurate with its success along other lines. After paying all running expenses for the year 1897-98, there was a balance of \$3,000.00 in the treasury to be devoted to repairs, to the demands incident to the canvass, to the equipment necessary for the following year—the residue to go to the payment upon the debt."

The trustees further state that the property is worth \$60,000.00.

The College opened last September with increased patronage and brighter prospects than ever before, and continued its work, with 250 students, in fine health and spirits, until Sunday, November 27, when the consuming flames devoured the main building and its furnishings, together with the trunks and clothing of the students.

But the wisdom of the President, and the kindness and generosity of the citizenship of Searcy, improvised the best possible arrangements, and there was not a day lost. Galloway is neither dead nor out-doors, but continues her career of usefulness.

We, your Board, therefore recommend the following:

1st. That the Board of Trustees take such steps as they, in their good judgment think proper, to rebuild at the earliest date practicable.

2d. That they put a suitable man for financial agent in the field at once to raise money to assist in rebuilding, and use such other agencies to secure means as they think proper.

3d. That every preacher (and member who will) not only co-operate with the agent, but secure all the assistance he can at as early a date as possible.

4th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the good people of Searcy for their kindness to the School, and assistance given the faculty, both in providing homes for the students and the temporary provisions for carrying on the work, and their timely efforts to have the college rebuilt.

We recommend the appointment of J. C. Brown for Conference Educational Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Board of Education White River Conference your Treasurer herewith submits the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Received from the various charges on general assessment	\$299 48
Received from collection on Children's Day	55 60
Total	\$355 08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Hendrix College.....	\$243 48
Paid to J. D. Hammond 10 per cent. Children's Day collection.....	15 60
Paid to J. D. Hammond from Conference collection.....	56 00
Paid to J. D. Hammond for Payne and Lane Institutes.....	40 00
Total	<u>\$355 08</u>

ASSESSMENTS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

For Hendrix College.....	\$500 00
For General Board.....	140 00
For Payne and Lane Institutes	100 00
Total	<u>\$740 00</u>

APPORTIONMENT.

Helena District	\$175 00
Searcy District	145 00
Jonesboro District	160 00
Newport District	135 00
Batesville District	125 00
Total	<u>\$740 00</u>

A. L. MALONE, Treasurer.

Clarendon, Ark., Dec. 3, 1898.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. BROWN, PRESIDENT.

A. L. MALONE, Treasurer.

M. M. SMITH, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Your Board regrets to note the decrease in the amount collected in our Conference in the past year, both for Foreign and Domestic Missions. We see no adequate cause for this decrease, since there has been an increase in the amount raised for the preachers and Presiding Elders.

We fear that many of us pastors have failed to do our duty towards this cause. Our assessments are small as compared with other Conferences in our connection, and every cent of these assessments could be paid. With us the missionary spirit of the Church will rise or fall.

In examining the 52d Annual Report of the Board of Missions, we note with joy the success of our work in the various mission fields in the past four years and the especially bright outlook for the future.

Our *Review of Missions* is so full of valuable information and is such a fresh and vigorous periodical that it deserves a place in every home, to quicken the missionary conscience and inspire missionary zeal. At its reduced subscription price of 25 cents per year, we can secure a large circulation for it with little effort.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we make an early and vigorous canvass among our people in our respective charges for subscriptions to our *Review of Missions*.

2. That each pastor preach during this Conference year at least one new sermon on missions at each church in his charge.

3. That we take heed to and carry out Arts. XVII and XVIII of the Constitution of the Board of Missions as set forth in our Discipline.

4. That we make an effort to secure our assessments for missions in the early part of the year.

5. That we commend the noble missionary work of our women and children and pledge them our hearty support and co-operation.

We recommend the appointment of W. B. Ricks as Missionary Secretary.

We make the following report as to assessments and collections:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	ASS'D.	PAID.
Helena District.....	\$ 800 00	\$ 448 93
Searcy District.....	800 00	346 46
Jonesboro District.....	800 00	440 08
Newport District.....	575 00	273 77
Batesville District.....	525 00	193 67
Total.....	\$3500 00	\$1702 91
Anniversary collection.....		47 50
Total amount collected.....		\$1750 41
Forwarded to Missionary Treasurer.....		\$ 136 05
In hands of Conference Treasurer.....		\$1614 36

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Helena District.....	\$ 350 00	\$ 204 35
Jonesboro District.....	350 00	226 70
Searcy District.....	350 00	204 65
Newport District.....	255 00	169 92
Batesville District.....	220 00	110 25
Total.....	\$1525 00	\$ 915 87
Anniversary collection.....		47 50
Total.....		\$ 963 37

Disbursed as follows:

Am't overp'd on last Conf.....	\$27 87	J. T. Seaton	\$62 85
J. E. Buchanan.....	31 42	J. I. Maynard	62 85
J. K. Bope	62 85	T. W. Fisackerly.....	62 85
J. S. Brooke.....	94 27	Wm. Findley	94 27
W. R. McAllister	62 85	E. N. Pitts	62 85
T. J. Taylor.....	62 85	P. H. Gressett	62 85
I. B. Manly	62 85	H. H. Hunt.....	62 85
A. E. Horton.....	62 85	W. B. Ricks, exp. as Missionary	23 70
Foreign Missions assessed for next year	\$3500 00		

Apportioned as follows:

Helena District	\$860 00	Searcy District	\$750 00
Jonesboro District.....	840 00	Newport District	580 00
Batesville District.....	\$470.00.		

Domestic Missions assessed for next year

\$1600 00

Apportioned as follows:

Helena District	\$400 00	Searcy District	\$340 00
Jonesboro District.....	390 00	Newport District	270 00
Batesville District.....	\$200.00.		

S. L. COCHRAN, PRESIDENT.

W. B. RICKS, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

To the Bishop and Members of White River Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South:

We, your committee on Books and Periodicals, submit the following report:

With gratitude to God we gladly call your attention to the excellency and progress of our church literature.

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Our connectional organ, the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, continues its well-defined career of usefulness. We commend it to our pastors as a source of inspiration and knowledge and urge that they look well to its circulation among the laity.

REVIEW OF MISSIONS.

The *Review of Missions*, filled with the thought and spirit of missions, well deserves the high rank it has taken among our church periodicals. It is with regret that we must call attention to its very limited circulation in our own Conference, and we suggest that the *Review*, together with the *World for Christ*, be urged upon our people as a means of stimulating them to greater interest in mission work.

CHILDREN'S VISITOR.

We note with pleasure the improvement of our Sunday School paper, *The*

Children's Visitor, in size and reading matter, and we urge each pastor to bring it prominently before his Sunday Schools, and if possible to place it in the hands of each child in his pastorate.

THE EPWORTH ERA.

We are glad to state that the *Epworth Era* is meeting the demands of the Church in the fulfilment of the purpose of its origin. While it has not been thus far self-sustaining, we are reliably informed that it will meet its own expenses during this quadrennium. We heartily commend it to our pastors and through them to our young people as an almost indispensable factor in league work.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

We heartily approve and recommend to you our own church organ, *The Arkansas Methodist*, as entitled to your support and a place in every Methodist home in our Conference. We endorse the policy of the editor in its management, and especially in the matter relating to our publishing house claims.

We suggest the following: That, whereas, we have a Conference organ without cost or responsibility to the Church, and one whose influence and interest are identified with the Methodism of Arkansas, and one that is largely filling the need of the Church in this field of usefulness; therefore, we urge the pastors of our Conference to discourage, and check, as far as possible, any tendency to introduce and support independent papers, whose circulation might interfere with the rightful claims of the *Methodist*.

We call attention to the fact that the *Methodist* has a great number of outstanding delinquent subscriptions. We urge that collectors who may visit the charges in our Conference in the interest of the *Methodist* make diligent effort to collect these over-due subscriptions, as well as to secure those that may be collected with little or no effort..

PUBLISHING INTEREST.

With gratitude to God, and, we trust, pardonable pride, we make mention that notwithstanding war, yellow fever, and the low price of cotton, the debts of our publishing house are all paid, and the volume of business is in advance of last year.

We urge the brethren to bestir themselves to circulate our books and periodicals, and to endeavor to bring the people in touch with the great heart of the Church, which can be done in no other way.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

We respectfully recommend Julien C. Brown, M. M. Smith and J. B. McDonald as Publishing Committee.

J. B. McDONALD, Chairman.

GEO. G. DAVIDSON, Sec'y.

M. M. SMITH.

W. M. WILSON.

W. F. WALKER.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

The Joint Board of Finance submit the following as their report:

AMOUNT RECEIVED AS BISHOP'S FUND.

Helena District	\$ 142 81
Jonesboro District.....	122 23
Searcy District.....	126 00
Batesville District.....	104 00
Newport District.....	93 80
Total	\$ 588 84
Amount paid Barbee & Smith	\$ 588 84

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Helena District	\$ 303 64
Jonesboro District.....	255 75
Searcy District.....	259 15
Batesville District.....	144 30
Newport District.....	171 25
Publishing House	300 00
Total.....	\$1434 09

DISBURSED TO		TO WHOM PAID
Bro. R. M. Manly.....	\$ 60 00	J. F. Jernigan
Bro. Beasley's two children.....	15 00	T. B. Williamson
Bro. J. C. Ritter	50 00	F. A. Jeffett
Bro. G. A. Dannelly.....	26 00	M. M. Smith
Bro. W. R. Foster.....	65 00	Self
Bro. J. J. Alexander.....	38 09	J. S. Brooke
Bro. J. D. Rutledge.....	25 00	W. B. Roe
Sister W. L. King.....	65 00	M. M. Smith
Sister M. C. Morris.....	50 00	John Eidson
Sister John Hall	25 00	F. E. Hall
Sister E. M. Baker.....	65 00	M. M. Smith
Sister Thos. Vincent.....	25 00	W. A. Pendergrass
Sister Ben Hall.....	25 00	W. E. Hall
Sister Thos. Craig	50 00	L. C. Craig
Sister Beulah Carlisle	75 00	H. T. Gregory
Sister D. W. Reed & five children	150 00	M. M. Smith
Sister J. W. Patton & 3 children	150 00	J. F. Jernigan
Sister Schaeffer and one child.....	40 00	J. M. Workman
Sister Mary Peebles.....	40 00	M. M. Smith
Sister Cora Castleberry & 2 ch'd'n	90 00	J. F. Jernigan
Sister H. M. Cryer and 3 children	50 00	M. B. Umsted
Sister Batten and one child.....	95 00	M. M. Smith
Bro. Frank Ritter.....	50 00	W. C. Davidson
Bro. T. J. Settle.....	60 00	E. M. Bickley
Bro. J. S. Watson	50 00	N. E. Skinner
Total.....	\$1434 09	

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Helena District.....	\$ 16 49
Jonesboro Disrrict	13 12
Searcy District.....	12 20
Batesville District.....	21 34
Newport District	7 90
Total.....	\$71 05
Amount paid Barbee & Smith, Agents.....	\$71 05

PRINTING MINUTES.

Helena District.....	\$ 15 18
Jonesboro District.....	17 68
Searcy District.....	17 95
Batesville District.....	11 39
Newport District.....	10 60
Total.....	\$ 72 80
Amount paid Secretary of Conference.....	\$ 72 80

BIBLE CAUSE.

Helena District	\$ 5 90
Jonesboro District	
Searcy District.....	2 00
Batesville District	11 45
Newport District	10 40
Total	\$29 75
Amount paid Z. T. Bennett.....	\$29 75
Total amount received from all sources.....	\$2196 53

The following named Recording Stewards have made reports to this Board :

C. W. Shaver, Evening Shade and Melbourne station, Batesville District; T. P. Umsted, Newport station, Newport District; John S. Sanford, Searcy station, Searcy District.

The assessments for the ensuing year are apportioned as follows:

DISTRICTS.	Conf. Claimants.	Bishops' Fund.	Delegates Gen. Conf.	Printing Minutes.
Helena	\$ 425 00	\$ 154 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 32 00
Jonesboro	425 00	154 00	28 00	32 00
Searcy	400 00	130 00	22 00	25 00
Batesville	310 00	104 00	18 00	18 00
Newport	315 00	108 00	20 00	18 00
Totals.....	\$1875 00	\$ 650 00	\$ 118 00	\$ 125 00

The following are claimants for the ensuing year: Bros. R. M. Manly, J. C. Ritter, G. A. Dannelly, J. J. Alexander, Frank Ritter, T. J. Settle, R. G. Brittain;

Sisters W. L. King, M. C. Morris, John Hall, E. M. Baker, Thos. Vincent, Bell Hall, Thos. Craig, Beulah Carlisle, Mary Peebles, D. W. Reid and five children, J. W. Patton and three children, Sister Schaeffer and one child, Cora Castleberry and two children, H. M. Cryer and three children, W. H. Batten and one child, W. R. Foster.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN, CHAIRMAN.

J. R. METCALF, Secretary.

REPORT ON EPWORTH LEAGUES.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

We, your committee on Epworth Leagues, respectfully submit the following report:

The year that has passed, we regret to inform you, has been marked by no increase of Chapters of the League, but a sensible decrease of membership; and we are compelled to give it as our judgment that the League has not been in a prosperous condition in our Conference during the year. It is also complained that the League is doing little of distinctively spiritual work, its activities being confined largely to raising money for the poor.

Believing that the organization of District Leagues would aid in stimulating them to greater effort, we recommend the holding of the same in Jonesboro, Batesville and Searcy Districts.

Without interfering with existing arrangements, we would discourage the projecting of further particular enterprises by the League, believing that its efforts would be better directed toward the support of the regular missionary machinery of the church.

The *Epworth Era* has been enlarged and improved, and is well worthy of the support of the League; we, therefore, recommend that our pastors shall endeavor to increase its circulation among the Leagues.

FRANK BARRETT, Chairman.

FRED LITTLE.

W. M. WILSON.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Your Board is ever watchful and very careful in the distribution of the funds for the extension of the Church, making donations to churches where, in our judgment, they will do the most good to the greatest number. It is the purpose of your Board, in so far as they are able, "to help those who try to help themselves."

The following amounts have been contributed by the various charges in the Conference:

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro station	\$16 75	Lorado circuit.....	\$ 2 00
Nettleton circuit.....	5 90	Paragould station.....	13 40
Harrisburg circuit	5 00	Paragould circuit.....	.....
Cherry Valley circuit.....	1 00	Gainesville circuit	7 10
Marion circuit	13 58	Boydsville circuit.....	60
Golden Lake circuit.....	4 50	Rector circuit.....	.....
Osceola circuit .....	.....	St. Francis circuit.....	6 00
Luxora circuit.....	1 00	Buffalo Island circuit.....	.....
Blythesville circuit	3 00	Big Bay circuit	1 25
Shiloh circuit.....	5 00		
Total.....	\$86 08.		

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station	\$ 1 00	Jericho mission.....	\$ 50
Marianna station.....	13 40	Taylor's Creek circuit.....	.....
Forrest City station	5 00	Wynne and Vanndale.....	8 00
Clarendon station	12 65	McCrary circuit	10 00
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	5 00	Brinkley circuit	5 00
LaGrange circuit.....	.....	Cypress Ridge circuit.....	.....
Oak Forest circuit.....	25	Holly Grove circuit	8 00
Haynes circuit	5 50	Turner mission .....	.....
Total.....	\$74 30.		

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy station	\$22 00	Jacksonville circuit.....	\$ 1 00
West Searcy circuit.....	10 00	Mineral circuit .....	.....
Mt. Pisgah circuit.....	1 00	Argenta station.....	10 00
Beebe and West Point.....	5 00	Bald Knob circuit	5 00
Beebe circuit.....	1 00	Augusta station.....	4 20
Stony Point circuit.....	.....	Auvergne and Weldon.....	3 00
El Paso circuit.....	.....	Union and Revell circuit.....	5 00
Total.....	\$67 20.		

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station	\$14 50	Siloam circuit	\$
Jacksonport mission.....	1 10	Pochahontas circuit.....	3 00
Tuckerman circuit.....	2 83	Walnut Hill mission.....	.....
Alicia circuit	3 00	Black Rock circuit.....	6 00
Portia circuit .....	.....	Smithville circuit.....	1 50
Walnut Ridge and Corning.....	5 00	Mammoth Spring & Williford.....	2 00
Knobel circuit	1 00	Oil Trough circuit.....	.....
Reno circuit .....	.....	
Total.....	\$39 93.		

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville station	\$17 31	Salem circuit	\$ 2 50
West Batesville mission.....	1 00	Viola circuit.....	15
Sulphur Rock circuit.....	4 00	Iuka mission .....	.....
Evening Shade & Melbourne.....	6 25	Richwoods mission.....	.....
La Crosse circuit.....	1 25	Mountain View circuit.....	.....
Evening Shade circuit.....	1 00	Cedar Grove mission.....	1 00
Ash Flat circuit.....	50	Jamestown circuit.....	.....
Calamine circuit .....	.....	Cushman circuit	1 00
Camp circuit .....	.....	Newburg circuit	1 50
Total.....	\$37 46.		

RECAPITULATION.

Helena District	\$ 74 30
Searcy District	67 20
Jonesboro District	86 08
Batesville District	37 46
Newport District	39 93
Total	\$304 97
Anniversary Collection	22 50
	\$327 47

APPORTIONMENT.

Parent Board	\$163 73
Home Board	163 74

DONATIONS.

Wynne Church	\$ 25 00
Argenta Church	25 00
Evening Shade	25 00
Wiville	25 00
Iuka	25 00
Maynard	25 00
Total	\$150 00
Incidentals	13 74
	\$163 74

ASSESSMENT FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Jonesboro District	225 00
Helena District	225 00
Searcy District	200 00
Newport District	175 00
Batesville District	175 00
Total	\$1000 00

F. A. JEFFETT, PRESIDENT.

N. E. GARDNER, Secretary.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Bishop and Members of White River Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South:

We, your Sunday School Board, beg leave to submit the following report:

We were glad to have Dr. Atkins, our Sunday School Secretary, with us, and to hear his very interesting address, which we trust will influence us all to take a greater interest in this very important work of our church.

Our literature is of the very best and should be in every Methodist home in our Conference. We urge our preachers to make an earnest effort to supply all our Sunday Schools with our own literature.

The very high merit of the *Sunday School Magazine* recommends it to us all, and entitles it to a place in every Methodist home.

We are sorry to state that there is a decrease in the number of schools and scholars, and that the collections for literature and the cause of missions are below last year's report.

Of the eighty-nine charges in our Conference, only thirty-three have made any report of Children's Day funds to this Board. The charges reported are:

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station	\$11 00	Walnut Ridge and Corning.....	\$ 2 15
Mammoth and Williford	4 00	Portia circuit	5 17
Alicia circuit	4 15	Oil Trough	1 41
Total.....	\$27 88.		

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Augusta station	\$ 3 00	Beebe and West Point.....	\$ 2 72
Stony Point circuit.....	60	Searcy circuit	6 02
Beebe circuit	80	Auvergne and Weldon	11 10
Union and Revell	5 00		
Total.....	\$29 24.		

HELENA DISTRICT.

Marianna station	\$ 5 25	Howell and Cotton Plant	\$4 00
Haynes and Melbourne.....	2 27	Turner Mission	4 30
Wynne and Vanndale.....	5 30		
Total.....	\$21 12.		

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Evening Shade circuit	\$ 2 10	Cedar Grove mission.....	1 00
Sulphur Rock circuit	3 35	Batesville station	4 50
Cushman circuit	3 19		
Total.....	\$14 14.		

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro station	\$ 6 45	Boydsville circuit.....	\$ 2 20
Big Bay circuit.....	1 80	Marion, Jr., Preacher	10 00
Marion circuit	11 85	Lorado circuit	4 75
Blythesville circuit.....	10 20	Luxora circuit	10 00
St. Francis circuit	5 65	Harrisburgh circuit	3 00
Total.....	\$65 90.		

Total amount raised\$158 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ten per cent. paid to General Board.....	\$ 15 60
Ten per cent. paid to General Board of Education	15 60
Paid to Needy Schools.....	2 75
Paid to Parent Board	40 00
Paid to Educational Board	40 00

Total amount paid out\$113 95

Remainder of \$45.28, in the hands of the Treasurer to be paid out for the benefit of needy schools.

Respectfully Submitted.

N. E. SKINNER, Chairman,
T. B. WILLIAMSON, Sec'y & Treas.,
T. A. BOWEN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

We, your committee on Temperance, feel that we are appointed to voice the sentiment of your body in regard to the greatest evil that afflicts our land. We know that no words which we can command are adequate to express the deep loathing and condemnation which you feel for the traffic in ardent spirits, which is indeed a traffic in the blood and souls of men. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will lay upon our consciences to strive with renewed energy for the suppression of the trade in ardent spirits and for the establishment of laws that shall prohibit the same.

Resolved, That we will, with increased zeal, teach the youth of our land to shun the snare of strong drink.

Resolved, That we memorialize our State Legislature, soon to assemble, to enact a law requiring that instruction in reference to the evils resulting from the use of strong drink and other unnatural stimulants, be given in all our public schools.

W. B. RICKS.

R. G. BRITTAIN.

A. C. GRAHAM.

G. W. CUBBERHOUSE.

W. C. TOMBS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Your committee on Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following report:

The American Bible Society having withdrawn its active forces from our State, leaves the work of supplying those who are destitute of the Bible almost wholly in the hands of preachers. We, therefore, recommend that the preachers of our Conference make a careful inquiry where there is reason to believe no Bible is found in the home, and do all in their power to supply the lack. Perhaps the introduction of Teacher's Bibles, now so generally advertised, at prices within the reach of all, has done more than anything else to disseminate the Word of God.

We recommend that our preachers continue to take collections for the Bible Cause. Respectfully submitted, J. K. FARRIS, Chairman.

S. F. BROWN, Secretary.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, make the following as our report:

We note with sadness the fact that but few revivals have been had by our preachers during the year.

Only 1735 members have been received during the year and nearly all these were by certificate, while last year the addition to membership was 3220.

We do not believe that we have to have conversions all along as a proof that we are called of God to preach, but we do believe that a ministry constantly barren in this respect had better examine their credentials to see if they have on them the seal of the King, who has called us all to be fishers of men.

We are not pessimistic. We believe that the morning cometh. The very fact that we have not had a very great ingathering this year has brought many of us to our knees, and this is prophecy that a brighter day is sure to come.

We pray, we hope for the general rekindling of revival fires upon all our altars at an early date.

A. E. HOLLOWAY,
H. E. MAY,
D. H. CLARK,
A. L. MALONE,
W. E. HALL.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, recommend the following to be continued in superannuated relation:

J. A. Alexander, Jno. Ritter, G. A. Dannelly, R. M. Manly, T. J. Settle, W. R. Foster and Frank Ritter; and we further recommend that Bro. R. G. Brittain be granted the same relation. We also recommend that W. W. Hendrix be continued in the supernumerary relation, and that J. D. Rutledge be granted the same relation.

Signed: W. A. PENDERGRASS.

I. B. MANLY, Secretary.

REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

We, your committee on District Conference Journals, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Jonesboro District Record is well kept, except the hand writing is too coarse for the space between lines, which makes it difficult to be read.

The Batesville, Searcy and Helena District Records are well kept; especially do we commend the Secretary of the Searcy District Conference for his splendid penmanship and the beautiful form in which the minutes are recorded.

The Newport District Record is in tolerably good form, but the penmanship is not the best.

Upon a whole, we think the Records are in very good condition.

A. F. SKINNER.
R. B. MACON.
T. A. BOWEN.
E. GILSTRAP.
L. D. ROZELL.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

W. B. Ricks,	M. M. Smith,	J. K. Farris,	F. R. Noe,
F. A. Jeffett,	W. H. Culp,	W. L. Jefferies,	P. C. Gilstrap,
A. L. Malone,		C. W. Yarnell.	

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

P. B. Wallis,	Thomas East,	A. R. Holloway,	George Kerr,
M. B. Umsted,	J. H. Clark,	A. C. Graham,	J. L. Howell,
John Eidson,		Geo. Culberhouse.	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

R. C. Moorehead,	R. B. Macon,	W. M. Wilson,	T. J. Wilson,
M. B. Johnson,	W. B. Hays,	W. E. Davidson,	H. B. Cox,
W. F. Walker,		M. F. Collier.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

T. B. Williamson,	F. C. Sterling,	W. C. Toombs,
T. A. Bowen,		E. M. Davis.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

R. R. James,	J. K. Farris,	G. W. Culberhouse,	F. A. Jeffett,
N. E. Gardner,	D. H. Clark,	J. M. Talkington,	W. H. Culp,
Z. J. Taylor,		J. R. Metcalf.	

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

ON TRIAL—Fred Little, J. M. Talkington, W. F. Walker.

FIRST YEAR—W. W. Anderson, E. N. Bickley, T. A. Bowen.

SECOND YEAR—N. E. Skinner, F. C. Sterling, Kelly Farris.

THIRD YEAR—M. B. Umsted, W. D. Ellis, W. A. Pendergrass.

FOURTH YEAR—R. A. Holloway, W. M. Watson, A. E. Holloway.

ADMISSION—Frank Barrett, M. B. Umsted, F. R. Noe, A. F. Skinner, W. B. Hays.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

To Galloway College—W. C. Davidson, R. R. James, M. B. Umsted.

To Hendrix College—R. C. Morehead, W. M. Wilson, Frank Little.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

M. M. Smith,	Julien C. Brown,	J. B. McDonald.
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TRUSTEES FOR HENDRIX COLLEGE.

A. M. R. Branson,	R. R. James,	M. M. Smith,	A. L. Malone,
Z. T. Bennett,		J. T. Henderson.	

TRUSTEES FOR GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

J. C. Brown,	Fred Little,	W. B. Ricks,	L. E. Moore,
Theo. Maxfield,		F. M. Daniel.	

TRUSTEES OF CONFERENCE FUND.

J. T. Henderson,	Ransom Gulley,	M. M. Smith,	M. F. Collier.
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IN MEMORIAM.

(Read at Memorial Service after sermon Sunday night.)

M. E. FOSTER.

SISTER M. E. FOSTER, wife of Rev. W. R. Foster, was born in Robertson county, Tennessee, May 27, 1841. Moved with her father to Graves county, Kentucky, where she professed religion at the age of twelve years and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Moved to Arkansas with her father in 1856. Was married to Rev. W. R. Foster, December 11, 1857. Sister Foster was faithful in all things to the day of her death, which occurred at the home of her daughter in Nettleton, Arkansas, on December 8th, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M. In all her life, from a child, she was a devoted, humble follower of our blessed Lord. For nearly forty years she traveled with Bro. Foster, and was of great worth to him in preaching the Gospel of Christ—sharing all the trials and hardships incident to such a life and participating in the great blessings which follow the faithful man of God. To love and serve the Lord was her great delight. She was truly a devoted wife and loving mother, always watching for, and making opportunities that she might make happiness in the home and community. We have no language to express what she was to the Church. Her life was so nearly pure in every department of life's duties that every day made examples worthy of imitation. Her life was spent in usefulness, serving God and making others happy. But her work is done! She is gone! We shall hear her voice and see her face no more in this life! She rests from her labors and her works do follow her. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

A. C. GRAHAM, Chairman.

H. B. COX, Secretary.

MARY MALLITA MANLY.

SISTER MARY MALLITA MANLY, wife of Rev. I. B. Manly, only 22 years of age, the mother of two sweet children—Millard, the son, and Inez, the daughter—a beautiful, cultured, pious, faithful wife and mother, fell "asleep in Jesus" December 29, 1897. Her biography is brief, but there are some facts in her life worthy of chronicle, and some traits of her character worthy of imitation. She was born

near Conway, Faulkner county, Ark., February 23, 1875. Her mother died when she was quite young, and at this early age of 11 years she assumed the duties of the home. These early years of her life, laden with domestic responsibility, were a providential preparation for that life of self-denying toil, which she chose to lead as the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher. As a student at school, she was diligent and apt; as a teacher, she developed gifts which secured her a place in the school at Heber, Ark., which place she retained as long as she wanted it. She spent one year at Galloway College, studying music and elocution. She was married to Bro. Manly June 25, 1895, by Rev. H. T. Gregory. Her religious life began with her conversion at the age of 14, during a Baptist meeting, at Jamestown, Ark., and one year later she joined the M. E. Church, South, at Heber, Ark.

In 1897, she professed Sanctification, and the following are the words of her uniform testimony: "I do know that I love the Lord with all my heart, soul and strength. If there is anything I am not willing to do or give up for Him, I do not know it. I do want all my time given to Him and His service." Her consistent and beautiful Christian life is left, as a priceless heritage, to her bereaved husband, two sweet children and many friends. We should thank God for such lives as hers.

We wish to say to Brother Manly, weep not; you will see her again. Not pale and cold in death, as when you last saw her on earth, clothed in white robes for the tomb; but you will see her in "robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb." May God give you grace to walk in cheerful resignation the valley of mourning, and bring you at last to join your sainted wife in those heavenly mansions of rest, prepared for all the faithful in Christ Jesus.

A. C. GRAHAM, Chairman.

H. B. COX, Secretary.

Membership, Baptisms and Church Property, for 1898.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Local Preachers	No. White Members	Total Members this Year	Total Members Last Year	Additions on Profession of Faith	Removals by Death, Certificate, & otherwise	Infants Baptised	Adults Baptised	No. Churches.		Value of Churches	No. Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Value other Church Property	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages
									Societies	Buildings					
Jonesboro station	3	482	483	483	4	19	22		1	1	\$ 1000 00	2	\$ 2000 00	\$6000 00	\$ 5161 87
Paragould station		465	465	444	1	24	4	1	4	1	12000 00				440 00
Harrisburg ct	1	556	557	544	12	10	9	8	5	4	2600 00	1	250 00		
Cherry Valley ct	1	279	280		12	13	14	8	4	4	900 00				
Shiloh ct	1	690	691	720	7	5	41	9	8	6	2850 00	1	150 00		
Nettleton ct	3	452	455	455	8	20	28	1	4	3	2500 00	1	332 00		361 00
Marion ct—1st Jr		65	65		9	3	18		12	12	1500 00			150 00	185 00
Marion ct	2	92	94	258	5	7	8	5	2	2	2000 00	1	450 00	175 00	350 00
Marion ct—2d Jr		113	113	85	24	4	4		5	6	350 00				200 00
Osceola station		87	87	91	2	5	14	5	1	1	4000 00			50 00	388 80
Luxora ct		279	279	340	11	9	9	5	4	1	1800 00	1	700 00		210 15
Blythesville ct	6	723	729	721	5	26	10	6	7	4	2450 00	1	250 00	390 00	30 00
Golden Lake ct		100	100	100	7	5	12	5	3	2	2000 00	1	500 00	100 00	300 00
Paragould ct	1	765	766	922	12	4	16	8	8	6	3900 00	1	800 00	100 00	100 00
Lorado ct		493	493	550	12	9	40	14	6	4	1000 00	1	300 00	75 00	
Gainsville ct	1	504	505	657	24	9	68	20	6	5 1-2	1700 00	1	250 00	310 00	236 00
Rector ct		322	322	310	4		7	2	5	4	2200 00				
Boydsville ct	3	279	282	297		2	14	2	6	4 1-2	2000 00			100 00	
St. Francis ct		355	355	327	13	35	7	4	5	3	3200 00	1	690 00		75 00
Big Bay mission	1	136	137	153	1	6	17		1	3	1600 00	1	250 00		351 00
Buffalo Island ct	2	163	165	236	4		2	2	5	1	520 00			80 00	
Cotton Belt ct	2	91	96	86	3	4	5		4	1	350 00				12 50
Vandale ct				445				3	4	1					
Totals	27	7494	7521	8227	180	219	369	101	100	61	52420 00	14	6532 00	7330 00	8704 32
Totals last year	22	8205	8227	7395	826	527	413	248	96	60 1-2	52500 00	14	6982 00	1577 50	3191 30
Increase	5			832					4	3 1-2				5752 50	4513 02
Decrease		711	706		646	308	44	147			80 00		150 00		

Membership, Baptisms and Church Property, for 1898.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Local Preachers	No. White Members.	Total Members this Year	Total Members Last Year	Additions on Profession of Faith...	Additions by Certificate and otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certificate, & otherwise.	Infants Baptised....	Adults Baptised.....	No. Churches		Value of Churches..	No. Parsonages.....	Value of Parsonages	Value other Church Property	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.....
										Societies.....	Buildings.....					
Batesville station.....	1	200	201	255	8	16	51	5	4	1	1	\$ 6000 00	1	\$ 1500 00	\$.....	\$ 116 65
W. Batesville mis.....	3	219	222	173	12	7	27	13	9	3	3	1503 00	1	409 00	.....	5 00
Sulphur Rock.....	4	470	483	609	13	7	10	2	8	5	5	1575 00	1	300 00	.....	325 00
Jamestown.....	2	286	288	292	4	2	10	.....	3	4	3	1209 00	1	500 00	.....	18 90
Cedar Grove.....	4	263	267	270	3	2	13	4	3	6	4	1503 00	.....	.....	50 00	525 00
Cushman.....	1	303	310	270	2	7	11	3	5	5	5	2800 00	1	450 00	.....	8 40
Ev'g Shade & Melb'e.....	2	201	206	210	15	1	6	13	15	2	2	1203 00	2	500 00	150 00	638 00
Lacross.....	1	212	213	178	17	3	29	2	7	7	6	2750 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....
Newburg.....	6	475	481	476	15	17	27	1	8	5	5	3100 00	.....	.....	.....	32 50
Iuka.....	3	237	210	211	9	.....	.....	1	8	5	5	300 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....
Mountain View.....	5	279	281	283	3	2	9	11	1	4	2 1-2	1200 00	1	509 00	50 00	35 00
Richwoods mis.....	.....	91	91	97	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3	275 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evening Shade.....	3	266	269	369	20	16	8	15	16	5	6	1809 00	.....	.....	.....	350 00
Salem.....	2	285	247	252	29	12	6	12	13	4	4	1683 00	1	375 00	.....	39 50
Indian Camp.....	1	183	189	178	23	6	21	10	12	4	3	909 00	1	155 00	.....	10 00
Calamine.....	.....	220	220	223	4	.....	6	1	2	6	2	650 00	1	300 00	.....	.....
Ash Flat.....	3	239	212	295	1	3	5	1	2	6	2	303 00	1	150 00	.....	.....
Viola.....	3	258	261	317	9	35	7	5	5	7	3	603 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Oil Trough.....	.....	.....	.....	249	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	44	4740	4781	5372	192	141	250	96	121	86	61 1-2	29350 00	12	5130 00	395 00	2103 96
Totals last year.....	43	5329	5372	5337	243	207	302	67	170	91	61 1-2	30175 25	14	5905 00	201 00	1517 85
Increase.....	1	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	194 00	556 11
Decrease.....	.....	589	588	.....	51	66	52	.....	49	5	3	315 25	2	775 00	.....	.....

HELENA DISTRICT.

Wynne & Vandale.....	1	307	308	332	28	16	41	2	16	2	2	\$ 1200 00	1	\$ 400 00	\$.....	\$ 193 00
Forrest City sta.....	1	188	189	186	3	26	21	5	1	1	1	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	270 00
Haynes ct.....	1	71	72	210	.....	2	4	3	.....	2	2	2200 00	1	600 00	75 00	90 00
Marianna sta.....	.....	193	198	144	9	51	6	3	7	1	1	3000 00	1	1450 00	.....	615 00
LaGrange ct.....	.....	94	91	210	.....	3	119	.....	.....	3	3	1750 00	1	500 00	.....	75 00
Helena sta.....	.....	193	198	170	7	21	2	8	3	1	1	20000 00	.....	.....	500 00	300 00
Oak Forest ct.....	.....	256	256	265	2	.....	12	.....	.....	6	3	600 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....
Jericho mission.....	1	219	220	137	6	7	11	.....	4	5	2	995 00	.....	.....	.....	15 95
Taylor's Creek ct.....	.....	356	356	336	20	4	4	1	5	6	3	1500 00	1	700 00	.....	30 00
McCrory ct.....	3	483	486	325	3	17	5	2	3	8	3	4000 00	2	1000 00	.....	300 00
Cot. Plant & Howell.....	.....	179	179	178	.....	8	7	.....	.....	2	2	6000 00	1	1000 00	.....	20 00
Brinkley ct.....	2	193	200	111	20	20	15	10	.....	3	2	5500 00	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Cypress Ridge ct.....	1	165	166	210	5	2	8	.....	.....	5	2	650 00	1	250 00	.....	12 50
Clarendon sta.....	.....	137	137	138	3	16	20	.....	2	1	1	2350 00	1	1100 00	.....	220 00
Holly Grove ct.....	1	127	128	125	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	3	2500 00	1	500 00	.....	225 00
Turner mission.....	1	121	122	157	3	3	41	2	.....	4	2	1600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	12	3297	3309	3516	100	199	319	36	41	53	33	58215 00	12	8800 00	610 00	2566 45
Totals last year.....	9	3507	3516	3477	190	191	240	91	109	51	36	58700 00	12	8200 00	305 00	2393 75
Increase.....	3	.....	.....	39	.....	8	79	55	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	600 00	305 00	172 70
Decrease.....	.....	209	207	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	3	455 00	.....	.....	.....	.....

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station.....	.....	201	201	201	34	18	30	5	6	1	1	\$ 9000 00	1	\$ 2000 00	\$.....	\$ 950 00
Tuckerman ct.....	.....	410	410	415	18	2	25	15	10	3	2	2100 00	1	600 00	.....	1060 00
Alicia ct.....	1	255	256	537	4	5	10	3	21	7	1	500 00	1	150 00	65 00	65 00
Walnut R. & Corn'g.....	2	194	196	293	15	3	4	2	2	2	2	2500 00	2	1000 00	.....	220 00
Portia ct.....	1	484	485	557	1	4	77	4	1	4	3	1600 00	1	400 00	10 00	25 00
Mam. S. & Williford.....	1	159	160	164	15	9	28	7	5	3	1	1500 00	1	800 00	.....	15 00
Pocahontas ct.....	1	241	242	290	5	3	4	.....	5	4	4	2200 00	1	500 00	25 00	60 00
Walnut Hill mis.....	3	185	183	188	2	.....	2	1	1	6	2	275 00	1	150 00	.....	.....
Reyno ct.....	1	222	223	257	7	18	14	3	7	5	3	1500 00	1	187 00	.....	.....
Knobel mission.....	2	149	151	.....	44	31	17	.....	23	5	1	960 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Jacksonport mis.....	.....	90	90	53	13	.....	.....	17	13	4	1	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oil Trough circuit.....	3	243	246	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	5	3	500 00	1	230 00	.....	.....
Smithville circuit.....	1	142	143	405	2	4	13	1	4	8	4	1850 00	1	250 00	50 00	28 85
Siloam circuit.....	5	488	493	506	40	10	18	8	13	9	4	1500 00	1	150 00	200 00	276 00
Black Rock circuit.....	1	124	125	215	10	20	10	2	8	3	3	3600 00	3	1550 00	.....	364 55
Sedgwick.....	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	22	3587	3609	4148	210	127	257	70	119	69	35	29125 00	16	7967 00	350 00	3080 40
Totals last year.....	24	4124	4148	3897	627	148	558	159	414	59	37	28812 00	13	7620 00	731 00	5857 70
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	313 00	3	347 00	.....	.....
Decrease.....	2	537	539	.....	417	21	301	89	295	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	381 00	2777 30

MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Membership, Baptisms and Church Property, for 1898—Concluded.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Local Preachers	No. White Members.	Total Members this Year.....	Total Members Last Year.....	Additions on Profession of Faith.....	Additions by Certificate and otherwise.....	Removals by Death, Certificate, & otherwise.....	Infants Baptised.....	Adults Baptised.....	No. Churches		Value of Churches..	No. Parsonages.....	Value of Parsonages	Value other Church Property.....	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.....
										Societies.....	Buildings.....					
Searcy station	1	378	379	395	3	25	41	12	1	1	1	\$ 5000 00	1	\$ 1500 00	.....	\$ 49 31
Augusta station .....	.....	103	108	101	1	4	1	.....	.....	1	1	3500 00	1	1200 00	.....	25 00
Argenta station	1	201	202	212	9	29	48	4	.....	1	1	3500 00	1	800 00	.....	66 00
Auv'gne & Weldon.....	.....	197	197	185	4	7	9	.....	4	4	4	2800 00	.....	.....	.....	346 00
Beebe & West Point.....	1	226	227	221	10	21	22	4	10	2	2	1700 00	1	400 00	.....	65 00
Union & Revell	1	192	193	207	12	2	28	.....	6	4	2	2150 00	1	200 00	.....	150 00
Jacksonville .....	.....	371	373	384	2	19	32	3	1	6	5	3800 00	1	300 00	200 00	90 00
Beebe ct	3	382	385	422	15	25	20	5	15	8	5	2100 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....
El Paso ct .....	.....	515	515	431	53	61	33	2	43	2	5	2000 00	1	150 00	.....	.....
Mineral ct	2	241	263	443	1	3	9	.....	.....	5	5	3400 00	1	500 00	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	1	314	345	445	2	.....	10	.....	2	5	4	1600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Searcy.....	1	316	317	278	2	28	18	2	5	5	4	4000 00	.....	.....	.....	1375 00
Stony Point.....	6	345	351	422	.....	2	36	6	2	8	6	1525 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bald Knob.....	1	186	187	187	5	1	7	1	3	3	3	2842 00	.....	.....	.....	142 00
Ward.....	.....	.....	.....	232	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	20	4022	4042	4578	123	230	314	41	91	58	49	39917 03	8	5050 00	300 00	2308 34
Totals last year.....	18	4560	4578	4516	262	161	319	57	157	61	51	43150 00	7	5950 00	18 50	1486 50
Increase	2	.....	.....	62	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	281 50	811 84
Decrease .....	.....	538	536	.....	131	.....	5	16	66	3	2	3533 00	.....	900 00	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Batesville District.....	41	4740	4781	5372	192	141	250	99	121	85	61	1-2	\$ 29330 00	12	\$ 5139 00	\$ 395 00	\$ 2103 96
Helena District	12	3297	3390	3516	100	199	319	35	41	53	33	.....	58245 00	12	8300 00	610 00	2566 45
Jonesboro District.....	27	7494	7521	8227	180	219	359	101	97	100	64	.....	52420 00	14	6832 00	7330 00	8704 32
Newport District	22	3587	3600	4148	210	127	257	70	119	69	35	1-2	29125 00	16	7967 00	350 00	3080 40
Searcy District	20	4022	4042	4578	123	230	314	41	91	58	49	.....	39917 00	8	5050 00	300 00	2308 34
Totals.....	125	23140	23265	25841	819	916	1509	347	469	366	243	.....	209037 00	62	\$ 33779 00	\$ 8985 00	\$ 18763 47
Totals last year.....	116	25725	25841	24612	2145	1237	1832	622	1489	353	219	.....	214137 25	60	34657 00	2833 00	14477 10
Increase	9	.....	.....	1229	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	6152 00	4286 37
Decrease .....	.....	2585	2576	.....	1329	321	323	275	1020	.....	6	.....	5109 25	.....	878 00	.....	.....

*Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools—1898.***BATESVILLE DISTRICT.**

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Leagues	No. League Members.	No. S. Sch's	No. Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars	Am't col-lected for S. Schools.	Am't col-lected for Missions.	Am't col-lected on Ch'n Dy	Am't col-lected for oth'r obj't	Total Am't Raised
Batesville station.....	1	35	1	15	115	\$ 111 43	\$ 39 58	\$ 4 50	\$.....	\$ 155 51
W. Batesville mis.....	3	14	100	25 21	..	..	7 00	29 21
Sulphur Rock.....	2	14	100	20 25	..	3 35	..	23 60
Jamestown.....	1	6	50	3 00	..	..	2 05	5 05
Cedar Grove.....	2	10	50	4 00	..	1 00	..	5 00
Cushman.....	4	23	137	7 78	..	3 19	..	10 97
Ev'g Shade & Melb'e.....	2	15	120	20 55	..	..	..	20 55
Lacross.....	2	12	65	6 25	..	..	..	6 25
Newburg.....	4	16	160	2 80	..	..	..	2 80
Iuka.....	2	5	..	4 76	..	..	..	4 76
Mountain View.....	2	26	120	25 36	..	2 14	3 55	31 05
Richwoods mis.....	1 15	..	..	..	1 15
Evening Shade.....	4	20	200	12 00	..	2 10	..	14 10
Salem.....	4	21	170	19 25	..	1 28	..	20 53
Indian Camp.....	1	7	75	3 20	..	..	..	3 20
Calamine.....
Ash Flat.....	2	14	128	6 47	..	86	..	7 33
Viola.....	1 94	..	..	..	1 94
Totals.....	1	35	36	218	1590	\$ 272 40	\$ 39 58	\$ 18 42	\$ 12 60	\$ 343 00
Totals last year.....	2	75	46	232	1943	199 43	56 27	31 56	57 25	344 51
Increase.....	72 97	..	..	..	..
Decrease.....	1	40	10	14	353	..	16 69	13 14	34 65	1 51

HELENA DISTRICT.

Wynne & Vannsdale.....	2	43	2	17	132	\$ 64 75	\$.....	\$ 5 30	\$.....	3 70 05
Forrest City sta.....	..	..	1	11	185	60 00	15 00	..	..	75 00
Haynes ct.....	..	..	2	12	50	15 00	..	2 28	..	17 28
Marianna sta.....	2	5	1	16	125	72 67	..	5 23	18 19	96 09
LaGrange ct.....	1	32	1	5	60	25 00	..	..	4 00	29 00
Helena sta.....	1	46	1	15	167	193 57	50 00	9 50	20 00	273 07
Oak Forest ct.....	..	..	3	15	75	6 00	..	..	..	6 00
Jericho mission.....	1	40	2	10	95	16 45	..	1 00	..	17 45
Taylor's Creek ct.....	..	..	3	9	50	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
McCrary ct.....	..	..	5	25	200	50 00	..	..	125 00	175 00
Cot. Plant & Howell.....	1	35	2	13	100	43 63	1 00	3 66	..	48 29
Brinkley ct.....	2	80	2	25	200	100 00	25 00	..	300 00	425 00
Cypress Ridge ct.....	..	..	6	35	201	17 50	..	..	..	17 50
Clarendon sta.....	1	55	1	10	77	40 68	..	..	6 10	46 78
Holly Grove ct.....	1	32	2	13	98	60 00	14 50	..	..	74 50
Turner mission.....	..	..	2	8	61	5 80	..	4 30	..	10 10
Totals.....	12	363	36	249	1819	\$ 776 05	\$105 50	\$ 31 27	\$473 29	\$1386 11
Totals last year.....	14	412	49	294	2051	587 98	51 97	44 28	623 44	1300 60
Increase.....	..	..	..	..	..	188 07	53 53	..	..	85 51
Decrease.....	2	44	13	45	172	..	..	13 01	150 25	..

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy station.....	1	75	1	26	233	159 02	25 88	6 03	..	190 93
Augusta station.....	1	34	1	12	110	31 70	..	3 00	..	34 70
Argenta station.....	2	66	3	18	85	48 30	15 00	..	92 00	155 30
Auv'gne & Weldon.....	3	61	3	21	105	32 00	..	11 10	..	43 10
Beebe & West Point.....	1	32	2	21	188	48 51	5 06	2 82	10 00	66 40
Union & Revell.....	..	..	2	8	60	13 65	55	5 00	..	19 20
Jacksonville.....	2	75	5	23	150	30 50	..	..	..	30 50
Beebe ct.....	..	..	6	30	225	14 00	..	80	..	14 80
El Paso ct.....	1	30	2	18	160	20 00	..	..	..	20 00
Mineral ct.....	1	25	4	15	155	14 42	..	..	..	14 42
Mt. Pisgah.....	..	..	5	25	200	..	..	..	..	..
West Searcy.....	..	..	5	30	224	37 00	1 50	..	1 50	40 00
Stony Point.....	..	..	3	13	96	..	..	60	8 31	8 91
Bald Knob.....	1	30	3	20	150	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	13	428	45	280	2137	449 10	47 99	29 36	111 81	638 26
Totals last year.....	13	462	51	325	2534	501 50	68 67	56 20	246 50	872 87
Increase.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease.....	..	34	6	45	397	52 40	20 68	26 84	134 69	234 61

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Leagues	No. League Members.	No. S. Sch'ls	No. Officers & Teachers	No. Schol'rs	Am't col-lected for S. Schools.	Am't col-lected for Missions.	Am't col-lected on Ch'd'n Day	Am't col-lected for other obj't	Am't col-lected for	Raised	Total Am't
Jonesboro station	2	65	1	27	250	\$ 193 00	\$.....	\$ 6 47	\$121 20	\$.....	\$323 67	\$.....
Paragould station	1	44	1	18	150	79 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 97	.....
Harrisburg ct. ....	.....	5	37	470	35 55	.....	.....	3 00	77 20	.....	115 75	.....
Cherry Valley ct. ....	.....	2	20	200	15 00	.....	.....	2 89	19 00	.....	27 80	.....
Shiloh ct. ....	.....	9	63	478	49 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 80	.....
Nettleton ct.	1	20	3	25	250	75 00	17 18	.....	.....	.....	92 18	.....
Marion ct.—1st Jr. ....	.....	2	14	50	31 00	.....	.....	10 00	40 00	.....	81 00	.....
Marion ct.	1	42	11	65	16 50	4 85	.....	11 85	.....	.....	33 20	.....
Marion ct.—2d Jr. ....	.....	3	19	101	9 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 88	.....
Osceola station. ....	.....	1	8	43	82 12	14 41	.....	.....	25 00	.....	121 53	.....
Luxora ct. ....	.....	2	9	103	16 60	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	26 60	.....
Blythesville ct. ....	.....	5	36	325	46 53	6 65	.....	10 21	.....	.....	63 41	.....
Golden Lake ct. ....	.....	2	7	51	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
Paragould ct. ....	.....	6	30	300	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....
Lorado ct.	1	27	5	25	260	24 38	1 60	4 72	31 65	.....	62 35	.....
Gainsville ct.	1	23	6	39	214	22 80	.....	76	1 91	.....	25 47	.....
Rector ct. ....	.....	3	16	150	13 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 72	.....
Boydsville ct. ....	.....	4	27	209	15 07	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	17 27	.....
St. Francis ct. ....	.....	2	12	110	22 00	.....	.....	5 65	.....	.....	27 65	.....
Big Bay mission. ....	.....	1	4	10	8 30	10 00	.....	2 80	.....	.....	21 10	.....
Buffalo Island ct. ....	.....	3	13	119	6 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 90	.....
Cotton Belt ct. ....	.....	2	14	100	4 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 05	.....
Totals.	7	223	70	479	4032	\$803 19	\$4 69	\$70 46	\$309 96	.....	\$1238 30	.....
Totals last year.	7	230	81	518	4336	\$765 82	\$57 66	\$79 26	\$196 85	.....	\$1099 50	.....
Increase. ....	.....	27	11	39	304	.....	37 37	.....	113 11	.....	138 80	.....
Decrease. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 97	8 80	.....	.....	.....	.....

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station.....	2	105	1	21	151	\$ 69 75	\$ 51 05	\$ 11 00	\$ 25 70	\$ 157 50
Tuckerman ct.....	3	65	3	.....	125	18 00	.....	5 80	.....	23 80
Alicia ct.....	.....	3	15	100	12 00	.....	.....	4 15	.....	16 15
Walnut R. & Corn'g.....	.....	2	26	205	101 38	32 93	.....	2 15	.....	136 52
Portia ct.....	1	12	4	25	225	16 25	4 38	5 17	.....	25 80
Mam. S. & Williford.....	.....	3	16	139	38 00	34 50	.....	4 00	.....	76 50
Pocahontas ct.....	.....	4	25	190	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Walnut Hill mis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reyno ct.....	.....	4	20	115	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 00
Knobel mission.....	2	54	3	24	125	23 00	3 64	.....	.....	31 64
Jacksonport mis.....	.....	1	4	70	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Oil Trough circuit.....	.....	1	7	65	6 00	.....	.....	1 41	.....	7 41
Smithville circuit.....	.....	2	10	102	4 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 80
Siloam circuit.....	.....	3	15	125	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Black Rock circuit.....	4	63	2	14	100	49 22	21 31	.....	.....	70 53
Totals.....	12	301	36	222	1831	409 40	147 87	33 68	25 70	616 65
Totals last year.....	9	237	39	272	2060	405 13	91 22	21 85	34 30	555 50
Increase.....	3	67	.....	.....	.....	4 27	53 65	11 83	.....	61 15
Decrease.....	.....	.....	3	50	229	.....	.....	.....	8 60	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Batesville District.	1	35	36	218	1590	\$ 272 40	\$ 39 58	\$ 18 42	\$ 12 60	\$ 343 00	.....
Helena District.	12	368	36	219	1879	776 05	105 50	31 27	473 29	1386 11	.....
Jonesboro District.	7	223	70	479	4032	803 19	54 69	70 46	309 96	1238 30	.....
Newport District.	12	304	36	222	1831	409 40	147 87	33 68	25 70	616 65	.....
Searcy District.	13	423	45	250	2137	449 10	47 99	29 36	111 81	638 26	.....
Totals.	45	1358	223	1448	11469	\$2710 14	\$395 63	\$183 19	\$933 36	\$4222 32	.....
Totals last year.	45	1436	266	1641	12924	\$2459 86	\$328 70	\$233 15	\$1158 44	\$4173 07
Increase.	250 23	66 93	49 25
Decrease.	78	43	193	1455	49 96	225 08

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	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.				
Batesville station..	\$125 00	\$125 00	\$1000 00	\$815 00	\$18 00	\$18 00	\$56 25	\$56 25	\$90 87	\$155 87	\$38 08	\$150 18	\$17 31	\$17 31	\$21 61	\$21 61	\$3 61	\$3 61	\$2 59	\$5 00	\$.....	\$1370 53
W. Batesville mis..	37 50	22 72	300 00	190 73	5 00	5 00	15 63	6 00	25 21	11 00	10 58	7 00	4 81	1 00	6 01	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	50	.....	219 95
Sulphur Rock.....	50 00	30 50	400 00	215 15	7 50	7 50	23 41	19 50	31 85	21 50	15 87	10 17	7 21	4 00	9 01	4 50	1 52	1 52	1 08	.....	32 00	377 42
Jamestown.....	35 00	21 75	280 00	173 96	6 00	6 00	18 75	8 00	30 29	10 00	12 69	6 00	5 77	.....	7 21	.....	1 21	1 21	20	.....	.....	227 12
Cedar Grove.....	25 00	9 75	200 00	78 61	4 25	4 25	13 23	4 00	21 46	4 00	8 90	5 00	4 00	4 07	5 11	1 00	86	85	50	.....	.....	112 06
Cushman.....	40 00	25 82	320 00	206 91	5 25	5 25	16 44	3 00	23 50	10 00	11 11	5 00	5 05	1 00	6 31	1 00	1 03	1 10	75	2 05	2 30	261 18
Ev'g Shade & Melb'e	41 45	38 30	355 55	336 45	6 50	6 50	20 31	6 60	32 81	7 00	13 75	5 00	6 25	6 25	7 81	1 05	1 31	1 31	91	.....	43 00	422 40
Lacross.....	37 50	29 20	300 00	232 36	6 30	6 30	19 66	4 25	31 80	7 50	13 33	3 25	6 05	1 25	7 57	1 75	1 27	1 27	1 00	1 55	70 90	360 58
Newburg.....	30 00	25 60	240 00	211 37	5 50	5 50	17 19	4 00	21 76	6 00	11 63	4 00	5 29	1 50	6 61	1 15	1 11	1 11	80	50	6 00	267 53
Iuka.....	20 00	7 49	160 00	58 72	3 50	3 50	10 93	55	17 67	1 25	7 40	2 00	3 36	.....	4 21	.....	71	71	51	.....	20 26	91 90
Mountain View.....	37 50	21 81	390 00	175 14	5 75	5 75	17 97	4 00	20 02	1 80	12 16	2 00	5 53	.....	6 91	.....	1 16	1 16	.....	.....	.....	211 66
Richwoods mis.....	15 00	4 75	80 00	40 80	2 20	2 20	6 87	65	11 11	.....	4 65	.....	2 11	.....	2 61	.....	45	45	.....	.....	.....	48 85
Evening Shade.....	35 00	20 75	275 00	165 90	6 00	6 00	13 75	8 00	30 29	6 00	12 69	6 15	5 77	1 00	7 21	1 00	1 21	1 50	85	.....	.....	217 15
Salem.....	50 00	38 70	400 00	310 00	6 50	6 50	20 31	10 00	32 81	13 50	13 75	7 40	6 25	2 50	7 81	85	1 31	1 31	.....	1 00	.....	391 76
Indian Camp.....	25 00	15 50	200 00	125 00	3 00	3 00	9 38	50	15 11	.....	6 35	2 00	2 83	.....	3 61	.....	63	63	43	.....	.....	147 03
Calaminc.....	37 50	8 10	300 00	61 65	4 50	4 50	14 08	.....	22 72	4 00	9 52	1 50	4 32	.....	5 41	.....	91	91	65	.....	.....	84 31
Ash Flat.....	30 55	20 36	245 00	162 80	4 25	4 25	13 23	5 00	21 46	2 00	8 90	4 00	4 09	50	5 11	50	86	85	61	50	7 33	208 80
Viola.....	25 00	10 50	230 00	80 89	4 00	4 00	12 50	1 00	20 19	1 00	8 46	75	3 85	15	4 81	10	81	81	57	.....	.....	99 77
Totals.....	700 00	476 60	5555 55	3614 56	101 00	101 00	325 00	141 30	525 00	265 42	220 00	221 40	100 00	40 53	125 00	36 54	21 00	21 37	11 48	11 10	181 79	5156 09
Totals last year	800 00	493 15	6102 50	3918 39	103 00	103 20	325 00	141 50	550 00	216 13	260 00	121 70	100 00	42 50	103 60	35 74	46 91	19 73	9 73	9 92	1993 76	7138 54
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 29	.....	96 61	.....	.....	21 40	80	.....	1 61	1 75	1 18	.....	.....
Decrease.....	100 00	16 55	916 95	303 83	.....	.....	.....	20	25 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	1 97	.....	.....	25 94	.....	.....	.....	1811 97	2082 45

* For ten months.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro station .	140 00	140 00	1000 00	1000 00	15 30	15 30	40 71	40 71	86 86	371 78	33 00	38 00	16 75	16 75	17 40	17 40	2 40	2 40	2 40	....	5796 19	7443 93
Paragould station .	112 00	112 00	800 00	800 00	12 21	12 21	32 60	32 60	69 48	69 48	30 40	30 40	13 40	13 40	13 92	13 92	1 92	1 92	1 92	....	509 00	1596 88
Harrisburg ct.....	70 00	50 50	500 00	360 75	7 65	7 65	20 36	15 00	43 43	25 00	19 00	12 00	8 37	5 00	8 70	5 00	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 00	115 75	600 05
Cherry Valley ct...	28 00	23 00	200 00	149 00	3 03	2 03	8 14	6 00	17 38	5 00	7 60	4 00	3 35	1 00	3 48	1 00	48	48	48	....	.....	192 02
Shiloh ct.....	77 00	58 32	550 00	416 43	8 42	8 42	22 33	12 25	47 74	12 65	20 90	13 25	9 21	5 00	9 57	1 32	1 32	1 32	1 32	....	49 85	580 13
Nettleton ct.....	49 00	37 45	350 00	267 00	5 36	5 36	14 25	6 30	30 38	6 00	13 30	6 00	5 88	5 90	6 00	....	84	84	....	....	440 00	775 45
Marion ct—1st Jr...	....	....	500 00	455 75	....	5 50	....	13 00	....	30 00	....	12 00	....	5 00	....	5 00	....	90	93	....	....	528 08
Marion ct.....	140 00	50 00	500 00	500 00	15 30	5 15	40 71	14 50	86 86	30 20	38 00	13 91	16 75	6 58	17 40	6 55	2 40	92	93	....	669 20	1297 94
Marion ct—2d Jr...	....	12 30	100 00	157 00	....	1 00	....	4 00	....	6 00	....	4 50	....	2 00	....	2 50	....	50	50	....	....	190 30
Osceola station.....	81 00	74 00	600 00	529 00	9 18	9 18	21 42	20 00	52 11	41 65	22 80	20 00	10 05	....	10 41	8 00	1 44	1 44	....	....	609 72	1312 99
Luxora ct.....	61 40	40 68	460 00	380 00	7 13	4 35	18 83	4 00	39 80	10 00	17 48	2 00	7 70	1 00	8 05	....	1 10	....	....	....	210 15	652 18
Blythesville ct.....	63 00	42 15	450 00	301 22	6 89	3 25	18 31	5 00	39 03	15 00	17 10	8 00	7 54	3 00	7 83	4 00	1 03	75	1 00	....	101 86	488 23

JONESBORO DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Presiding Elder		Pastor		Bishops		Conference Claimants		Foreign Missions		Domestic Missions		Church Extension		Education.		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Pys Min.	Am Bible Sy.	Other Objects	Total
	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.				
Golden Lake ct.....	\$ 59 50	\$ 59 50	\$ 425 00	\$ 700 00	\$ 6 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 17 34	\$ 14 25	\$ 36 89	\$ 28 50	\$ 16 15	\$ 13 50	\$ 7 10	\$ 4 50	\$ 7 39	\$ 4 45	\$ 1 02	\$	\$	\$ 500 00	\$1129 70	
Paragould ct.....	60 20	27 90	480 00	306 00	6 58	6 00	18 50	13 00	37 31	10 00	16 34	10 00	7 21	....	7 48	....	1 03	....	1 00	....	135 00	508 90
Lorado ct.....	42 00	28 65	300 00	204 25	4 59	4 60	12 21	7 40	26 01	6 00	11 40	4 00	5 03	2 00	5 22	2 00	72	72	72	....	60 95	321 29
Gainsville ct.....	59 50	59 50	425 50	425 50	6 50	6 50	17 34	17 34	36 89	36 89	16 15	16 15	7 10	7 10	7 39	7 39	1 02	1 03	1 10	....	....	578 50
Rector ct.....	52 50	32 40	375 00	251 00	5 73	5 00	15 27	5 00	32 58	5 00	14 25	3 00	6 21	....	6 52	1 00	90	....	60	....	....	503 00
Boydsville ct.....	44 80	21 52	320 00	153 73	4 96	4 96	12 96	1 55	27 84	3 35	12 16	1 45	5 04	60	5 58	74	78	78	78	....	81 20	270 66
St. Francis ct.....	56 00	36 84	400 00	263 42	6 12	6 12	16 28	16 00	34 74	6 00	15 20	5 00	6 70	6 00	6 96	....	96	....	....	....	....	359 58
Big Bay mission...	28 00	17 56	200 00	127 79	3 06	1 15	8 14	4 00	17 58	6 50	7 60	6 00	3 35	1 25	3 48	....	48	20	20	....	369 33	533 98
Buffalo Island ct...	42 00	15 20	300 00	108 65	4 59	2 60	12 21	....	26 01	....	11 40	....	5 03	....	5 22	....	72	....	....	....	6 90	133 35
Cotton Belt ct.....	17 50	6 00	120 00	43 91	1 92	1 90	5 09	1 85	10 87	....	4 75	1 80	2 10	....	2 18	....	50	....	30	....	16 55	72 31
Totals.....	1289 40	915 47	9355 50	7991 00	141 08	123 29	376 08	253 75	799 68	728 00	319 98	221 96	153 93	86 08	160 30	80 27	22 11	15 40	15 38	1 00	9174 65	19819 25
Totals last year	1386 20	1090 76	9909 00	7552 91	132 18	120 19	376 10	265 55	752 52	715 09	356 22	260 21	118 52	95 63	109 98	58 32	49 53	32 06	17 90	43 50	4537 46	14699 55
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	307 67	8 90	3 10	.....	.....	47 16	12 91	.....	.....	5 46	.....	51 32	21 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	4937 19	5149 70
Decrease.....	96 80	55 29	514 50	.....	.....	.....	02	11 80	.....	.....	6 24	35 25	.....	9 55	.....	.....	27 42	15 66	2 52	42 50	.....	.....

HELENA DISTRICT.

Wynne & Vaundale	90 00	80 00	510 00	510 00	9 77	9 10	27 27	27 25	51 43	55 00	22 50	17 00	9 61	8 60	10 29	8 90	1 86	1 87	1 60	2 00	116 50	836 32
Forrest City sta....	125 00	125 00	780 00	780 00	13 57	13 50	37 95	31 50	71 43	50 00	31 25	26 00	13 39	5 00	14 29	10 00	2 59	2 00	2 00	....	....	1045 00
Haynes ct.....	95 00	50 00	500 00	400 00	10 32	7 00	28 81	12 00	54 28	12 00	23 75	8 50	10 18	5 50	10 83	5 10	1 97	2 00	1 00	1 65	....	504 75
Marianna sta.....	125 00	125 00	1125 00	1125 00	13 57	13 60	37 91	37 95	71 43	71 43	31 25	31 25	13 39	13 49	14 29	14 29	2 59	2 59	2 23	2 25	6 00	1444 99
LaGrange ct.....	80 00	59 40	570 00	423 35	8 69	8 69	24 28	20 21	45 71	20 00	20 00	10 00	8 57	....	9 14	....	1 83	1 00	1 00	....	....	543 65
Helena sta.....	185 00	180 00	1200 00	1200 00	20 09	20 00	56 16	56 00	105 71	80 00	46 25	46 60	19 82	1 00	21 14	21 00	3 47	....	2 00	....	....	1606 00
Oak Forest ct.....	60 00	28 60	250 00	165 00	6 51	6 50	18 21	4 00	34 29	4 00	15 00	3 00	6 43	25	6 85	....	1 24	35	....	....	....	211 70
Jericho mission...	25 00	9 35	240 00	81 05	2 72	2 75	7 59	1 50	14 29	....	6 25	1 00	3 01	50	2 86	....	52	....	25	....	....	95 40
Taylor's Creek ct...	60 09	35 00	300 00	243 00	6 51	6 50	18 21	5 09	34 29	1 00	15 00	2 00	6 43	....	6 86	1 50	1 24	....	....	....	30 00	324 00
McCrory ct.....	95 00	60 28	730 00	519 22	10 31	10 00	28 81	10 00	54 29	10 00	23 75	5 00	10 18	10 09	10 85	....	1 97	2 00	1 00	....	....	627 50
Cot. Plant & Howell	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00	10 86	10 85	30 36	30 35	57 14	37 00	25 00	25 00	10 71	5 00	11 43	5 00	2 08	....	1 00	....	102 97	916 27
Brinkley ct.....	70 00	40 09	500 00	300 00	7 60	5 00	21 30	5 00	49 00	5 00	17 50	5 00	7 50	5 00	8 00	8 00	1 45	1 45	1 00	12 55	110 00	498 00
Cypress Ridge ct...	50 00	10 00	400 00	155 00	6 52	3 00	15 18	2 00	28 57	....	12 50	....	5 00	....	5 71	91	1 04	....	90	....	....	171 84
Clarendon sta.....	120 00	120 00	1000 00	1000 00	13 03	12 60	36 43	36 85	68 57	68 50	30 00	31 60	12 86	12 65	13 71	10 55	2 49	5 00	2 20	....	70 06	1379 01
Holly Grove ct....	80 00	69 65	600 00	522 60	8 69	9 00	24 28	24 00	45 71	45 00	20 00	20 00	8 57	8 00	9 14	9 00	1 83	....	1 00	....	73 00	781 25
Turner mission....	40 00	10 00	225 00	71 85	4 37	4 40	12 14	1 00	22 86	3 00	10 00	3 00	4 29	....	4 57	....	83	....	....	....	....	93 25
Totals.....	1400 00	1102 28	9530 00	8105 07	153 13	142 49	424 98	304 61	800 00	461 93	350 00	234 35	150 00	74 30	160 00	93 38	29 00	18 26	17 18	18 45	507 63	11079 93
Totals last year	1355 00	994 11	9620 00	7639 37	149 50	143 25	424 50	311 86	788 50	442 19	377 00	254 34	149 50	61 52	121 50	81 70	55 50	27 37	18 93	73 00	3700 47	13751 11
Increase.....	45 00	108 17	.....	465 70	3 63	.....	48	.....	11 50	19 74	.....	.....	50	12 78	38 50	8 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	90 00	.....	.....	76	.....	7 25	.....	.....	27 00	19 99	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 50	9 11	1 75	54 55	3192 81	2671 18

McCrory Circuit had two Assessments for Pastors—\$615.00 and \$115.00. Paid \$479.37 and \$39.85.
The Bishop's Fund deficit was paid after report was made.

Finance-1898-Continued.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Presiding Elder		Pastor		Bishops		Conference Claimants		Foreign Missions		Domestic Missions		Church Extension		Education.		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		ptg Min.	Am Bible Sy.	Other Objects	Total
	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.	As'd	Pd.				
Newport station...	\$165 00	\$165 00	\$1000 00	\$1000 00	\$15 45	\$15 75	\$ 48 00	\$ 48 00	\$ 85 80	\$195 80	\$ 38 00	\$ 38 00	\$14 50	\$14 50	\$20 00	\$20 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$2 25	\$ 5 00	\$1180 00	\$2687 30
Tuckerman ct.....	85 00	71 50	500 00	420 00	7 90	7 90	21 85	5 00	42 90	5 00	19 00	19 00	7 50	2 83	10 15	....	1 60	....	1 10	....	....	532 33
Alicia ct.....	90 00	47 15	500 00	241 85	7 90	7 90	21 25	3 00	42 90	7 00	19 00	5 00	7 50	3 00	10 15	1 00	1 60	....	1 00	....	25 30	342 20
Walnut R. & Corn'g	100 00	82 05	700 00	574 30	9 30	9 30	29 10	20 00	51 50	35 40	23 00	20 10	9 00	5 00	12 10	7 00	1 90	1 00	1 00	....	2 15	757 30
Portia ct.....	85 00	43 95	450 00	230 78	7 90	7 90	21 25	12 00	42 90	20 00	19 00	10 00	7 50	....	10 15	2 40	1 60	....	1 10	....	....	328 13
Mam. S. & Williford	85 00	56 54	500 00	318 67	7 90	7 90	21 25	18 00	42 90	26 00	19 00	15 00	7 50	2 00	10 15	....	1 60	1 60	1 00	2 00	48 00	496 71
Pocahontas ct.....	75 00	56 15	420 00	318 21	6 25	6 25	19 50	10 00	34 40	18 00	15 25	8 00	6 00	3 00	8 10	3 00	1 30	....	90	1 00	....	424 51
Walnut Hill mis...	50 00	17 43	225 00	93 36	4 65	7 5	14 60	50	25 65	1 60	11 40	2 00	4 50	....	6 00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	115 64
Reyno ct.....	50 00	34 20	355 00	230 52	5 50	5 50	17 00	....	30 00	3 00	13 50	3 47	5 25	....	7 00	....	1 10	....	....	....	....	276 69
Knobel mission...	30 00	21 25	300 00	223 25	4 65	4 65	14 60	14 60	25 75	21 10	11 45	11 45	4 50	1 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	70	....	26 45	329 45
Jacksonport mis...	40 00	25 00	300 00	187 00	4 65	2 50	14 60	10 00	25 75	7 50	11 45	11 40	4 50	1 10	6 00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	244 50
Oil Trough circuit.	35 00	23 35	300 00	131 65	5 50	5 50	17 00	1 90	30 00	1 75	13 30	1 95	5 25	....	7 00	....	1 10	....	75	....	....	169 85
Smithville circuit..	60 00	38 83	400 00	235 45	6 25	6 25	19 50	7 25	34 40	9 62	15 25	8 25	6 00	1 50	8 10	....	1 30	....	90	....	....	308 05
Siloam circuit.....	50 00	26 01	300 00	159 34	4 65	3 50	14 60	1 00	25 75	1 00	11 40	1 00	4 50	....	6 00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	191 85
Black Rock circuit.	100 00	100 18	500 00	500 92	6 25	6 25	19 50	20 00	34 40	35 00	15 25	15 25	6 00	6 00	8 10	8 10	1 30	1 30	90	1 40	462 80	1158 10
Totals.....	1100 00	811 59	6750 00	4868 30	104 70	97 80	325 00	171 25	575 00	337 77	255 25	169 87	100 00	39 93	135 00	42 50	21 40	7 90	10 60	10 40	1744 70	8362 61
Totals last year	924 00	701 91	6635 40	4458 03	104 00	97 55	325 10	161 20	600 50	247 05	284 99	143 22	99 87	34 00	135 00	41 85	46 90	21 85	11 31	17 50	6638 00	12576 52
Increase.....	176 00	109 68	1114 60	410 22	70	25	....	7 05	....	140 72	....	26 65	0 13	5 93	....	65	....	....	....	....	....	....
Decrease.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	25 50	....	29 74	....	....	....	....	....	25 50	13 95	71	7 10	4893 30	4213 91

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy station	185 00	185 00	1000 00	1000 00	24 00	26 00	75 00	75 00	140 00	181 39	65 00	103 40	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	....	299 39	1925 18
Augusta station ..	110 00	100 00	500 00	500 00	15 00	6 00	35 00	20 40	70 00	23 00	32 00	10 00	13 00	4 20	17 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	65 00	735 00
Argenta station...	100 00	60 25	900 00	525 75	10 00	10 00	38 00	30 00	70 00	66 00	30 00	20 00	12 00	12 00	15 00	6 00	2 00	....	2 00	....	....	732 00
Auv'gne & Weldon.	90 00	90 00	600 00	460 15	10 00	10 00	30 00	15 00	65 00	10 00	30 00	15 00	12 00	3 00	15 00	....	2 00	....	2 00	....	....	605 15
Beebe & West Point	80 00	56 99	600 00	404 71	10 00	10 00	35 00	15 00	65 00	20 00	25 00	15 00	12 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	65 00	598 70
Union & Revell	80 00	60 00	450 00	431 10	10 00	10 00	25 00	18 00	45 00	30 00	20 00	12 50	10 00	5 00	12 00	7 50	2 00	1 25	1 25	1 00	174 70	755 30
Jacksonville	80 00	52 20	550 00	351 10	10 00	10 00	37 00	25 00	60 00	29 00	25 00	19 00	10 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	....	125 00	616 30
Beebe ct.....	75 00	26 75	450 00	145 55	8 00	8 00	22 00	2 30	40 00	3 10	15 00	3 00	8 00	1 00	8 00	....	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	15 00	207 20
El Paso ct.....	75 00	36 65	425 00	203 50	10 00	10 00	25 00	14 00	55 00	12 60	25 00	10 00	12 00	....	12 00	....	1 00	....	2 00	....	....	291 75
Mineral ct.....	50 00	27 15	270 00	168 70	8 00	8 00	18 00	7 40	45 00	7 50	20 00	7 40	10 00	....	8 00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	226 15
Mt. Pisgah.....	55 00	23 00	400 00	176 80	6 00	6 00	20 00	3 20	35 00	7 00	14 00	3 00	6 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	20	20	....	....	221 40
West Searcy.....	55 00	40 00	500 00	425 00	10 00	10 00	30 00	15 00	60 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	20 00	550 00
Stony Point.....	35 00	18 00	305 00	153 52	5 00	5 00	20 00	4 15	30 00	5 50	14 00	4 75	6 00	....	8 00	....	1 00	75	1 00	....	....	191 67
Bald Knob.....	30 00	30 00	300 00	300 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	....	5 00	50	1 00	....	....	....	....	381 00
Totals.....	1109 00	803 99	7250 00	5233 88	141 00	131 00	425 00	239 45	800 00	425 00	330 00	243 05	150 00	64 70	160 00	56 00	21 00	13 20	17 95	3 00	764 09	8040 40
Totals last year	1079 50	747 72	7240 00	4639 92	151 00	147 57	425 00	215 96	800 00	475 50	375 03	235 16	150 00	89 65	160 00	78 25	52 00	37 75	15 55	33 55	2618 50	9895 17
Increase.....	20 50	58 27	10 00	613 96	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7 89	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 40	....	....	....
Decrease.....	....	....	....	....	10 00	13 57	....	16 51	....	50 41	25 03	....	....	24 95	....	22 25	28 00	25 75	....	30 55	1854 41	1854 77

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Presiding Elder		Pastor		Bishops		Conference Claimants		Foreign Missions		Domestic Missions		Church Extension		Education.		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		P'tg Min.	Am Bible Sy.	Other Objects	Total
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Batesville District.	\$700 00	\$476 60	\$5555 55	\$3614 56	101 00	101 00	\$325 00	\$141 30	\$525 00	\$265 42	\$220 00	\$221 40	100 00	\$40 53	125 00	\$36 54	\$21 00	\$21 37	11 48	\$11 10	\$ 181 79	\$5156 09
Helena District	1400 00	1102 28	9530 00	8105 07	153 13	142 49	424 93	304 61	800 00	461 93	350 00	234 35	150 00	74 30	160 00	93 38	29 00	18 26	17 18	18 45	507 63	11079 93
Jonesboro District.	1289 40	915 47	9355 50	7901 00	141 08	123 29	376 03	253 75	799 68	728 00	349 93	224 96	153 96	86 08	160 30	80 27	22 11	15 40	15 38	1 00	9474 65	19849 25
Newport District ..	1100 00	811 59	6750 00	4868 30	101 70	97 80	325 00	171 25	575 00	387 77	255 25	169 87	100 00	39 93	135 00	42 50	21 40	7 90	10 60	10 40	1744 70	8362 61
Searcy District	1100 00	805 99	7250 00	5253 88	141 00	134 00	425 00	259 45	800 00	425 09	350 00	243 05	150 00	64 70	160 00	56 00	24 00	13 20	17 95	3 00	761 09	8040 40
Totals.....	5589 40	4141 93	38141 05	29772 81	613 91	601 58	1876 06	1130 36	3499 68	2268 21	1525 23	1093 63	653 96	305 54	740 30	308 69	117 51	\$76 13	72 59	\$43 95	12672 86	52488 28
Totals last year	5544 70	3937 65	39697 90	28538 67	639 68	611 76	1875 70	1159 07	3491 52	2095 96	1653 21	1017 72	617 89	323 30	629 08	298 86	250 87	138 76	73 42	177 47	19488 28	57850 92
Increase	44 70	204 28	.....	1234 14	4 23	.....	36	.....	8 16	172 25	.....	75 91	6 07	.....	111 22	9 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	1256 85	.....	.....	10 18	.....	28 71	.....	.....	28 01	.....	.....	17 76	.....	.....	133 36	62 63	83	133 52	6815 42	5362 64

The following are the amounts assessed against said Districts for Minute Fund: Batesville, \$15; Jonesboro, \$22.11; Helena, \$25; Newport, \$15; Searcy, \$24.50.

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